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Constitution

Article 1. This union shall be known as Alexander Baptist Association.

Article 2. Its objects shall be the promotion of God's Kingdom in the hearts of men.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 3. It shall be composed of delegates elected by churches connected with this body, not more than three delegates from each church annually, and all ordained ministers, who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches.

POWERS AND PREROGRATIVES

Article 4. The Association may advice the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but cannot bind them in any way.

Article 5. As constituent members of the Association, the churches shall have the right to advise when desired in the case of difficulty, and to suggest plans for usefulness to be adopted.

Article 6. The expenses of the body shall be defrayed by annual voluntary contributions from the churches, sent by the delegates for that purpose .

Article 7. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes heterodox in doctrine or disorderly in practice.

GOVERNMENT

Article 8. A majority of the enrolled members at each session of the body shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article 9. Every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present.

Article 10. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Historian, who shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Association, as the first order of business, at the evening session of the first day, and shall continue in office until the next annual election.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meetings of the body punctually at the time appointed, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage.

Article 12. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the body, and superintend the printing and distributing of the same. He shall also keep three distinct files of the printed minutes, and have them bound at the order of the Association.

Article 13. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds connected with the work of the Association as directed by the body, and to make an annual statement of the same.

Article 14. It shall be the duty of the Historian to prepare for publication in the minutes a historical sketch of the session, and of the church with which it is held, and other facts of present and past history.

Article 15. To facilitate the transaction of business of the body, the Moderator shall at the beginning of the session, apoint committees of three members each on (1) nominations, (2) program, (3) time, place and preacher, (4) Digest of Church Letters and (5) resolutions, whose work shall be reported to the body for adoption.

Article 16. It shall be the duty of the committee on nominations to nominate officers of the association for the next year and to name messengers to other associations, and in its discretion to State and Southern Baptist Convention.

Article 17. It shall be the duty of the committee on time, place and preacher to select the place of the next annual meeting of the association, to fix the time, and name the preacher and alternate preach the annual sermon.

Article 19. It shall be the duty of the committee on the digest of Church letters to gather and tabulate the contents of the same for the information of the Churches.

Article 20. It shall be the duty of the committee on resolutions to prepare and propose to the association resolutions of appreciation to the hostess church and to consider any letters or other matters referred to it by the moderator.

Article 21. The Association shall have an executive committee composed of the moderator, vice-moderator, clerk-treasurer, historian, chairman of the program committee, Associational Brotherhood president, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Associational Woman's Missionary Union President and Associational Training Union Director. The moderator will be the chairman of this committee and will call such meetings as are necessary to plan and carry out the work of the association between sessions.

Article 22. This constitution may be altered at any regular session, a majority of the members present concurring.

Officers And Committees

Moderator, James Lail ..... R. 2, Taylorsville
Vice-Moderator, R. L. Dixon ..... Taylorsville
Clerk-Treasurer, Marcella Hines ..... Hiddenite
Historian, Chas. E. Echerd ..... Taylorsville
B. T. U. Director, Lucy Thompson ..... Taylorsville
W. M. U. Superintendent, Evelyn Keller ..... Taylorsville
Associational Brotherhood President, James Farthing—Taylorsville
Association S. S. Superintendent, W. R. Austin—R. 2 Taylorsville
Orphanage Representative, Jeffie Daniels ..... Taylorsville
Hospital Representative, Earl Teague ..... Taylorsville
Baptist Home Representative, Fred Johnson ..... Taylorsville

Associational Officers

Director ..... Miss Lucy Thompson
Associate Director ..... Earl Teague
Secretary ..... Miss Marcella Hines
Assistant Secretary ..... Miss Ethel Mae Goble

DEPARTMENT LEADERS

Adult ..... Miss Evelyn Keller
Young People ..... Miss Margaret Dean Hines
Intermediate ..... Mrs. Earl Teague
Junior ..... Dawson Beckham
Nursery, Beginner, Primary ..... Mrs. R. L. Dixon
Choirster ..... J. Maurice Barnes
Pastor-Advisor ..... Rev. David C. Boaz

GROUP LEADERS

Number One ..... Mrs. Charlie Caldwell
Number Two ..... Mrs. James White

Committees

NOMINATIONS: Rev. Gordon Wilson, Mr. V. W. Teague, Mr. P. E. Johnson.

PROGRAM: Rev. O. W. Pulley, Miss Lucy Thompson, Rev. Jeffie Daniels.

TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER: Rev. David Boaz, Rev. Irvin Wallace, Rev. J. A. Icenhour.

RESOLUTIONS: Rev. A. E. Watts, Mr. S. D. Gwaltney, Mrs. Roy Rogers.

List Of Messengers

ANTIOCH—Mrs. Warren Keller, Mrs. V. W. Teague, Mr. V. W. Teague.

BETHANY—Junior Costner, Floyd P. Hendren, C. J. Hendren.

BETHLEHEM—Ray Sherrill, Howard Teague, Fred Teague.

BEULAH—Escar E. Bowman, Mrs. Robert Settlemyre, Mrs. Raymond Harrington.

CALVARY—Mr. and Mrs. Nay Brookshire, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Gant, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Steele.

DAMASCUS—Floyd M. Sloan, T. B. Johnson, Dwight Johnson, Mrs. R. V. Wilson, R. N. Sloan.

HIDDENITE—Mr. Maurice Grant, Mrs. Maurice Grant, Mrs J. T. Goble, Mrs. J. O. Looper.

LEBANON—Mrs. James H. Watts, Mrs. Lessie Chapman, Mr. Harold Fortner.

LILEDOUN—Paul McAlpine, C. A. Smith, Otis Fox.

LINNEYS GROVE—Mrs. E. F. Millsaps, L. A. Childers, Zeb Marlowe, Emerson Wiles.

LITTLE RIVER—Mrs. J. Horace Bumgarner, Mr. Charlie Childers, Mr. Rayford Chapman.

MILLERSVILLE—Ben Thompson, G. S. Hampton, Mrs. Harold Rector.

MT. HERMAN—P. E. Johnson, Henry Gilland, Kenneth Kerley.

OXFORD MEMORIAL—Mrs. Velva Pennell, Mrs. Effie Caldwell.

PILGRIM—D. C. Johnson, Gordon Mayberry, Glenn Beard.

PLEASANT HILL—Miss Artie Sue Tevepaugh, Walter Harrington, Ransom Childers.

POPLAR SPRINGS—Mrs. Roy Rogers, Earl Robinette, Russell Walker.

SMYRNA—Mr. Paul Teague, Mr. Earl Teague, Mr. Troy Hedrick, Mrs. Earl Teague.

STONY POINT—Mrs. Clyde Combs, Mrs. C. W. Combs, Miss Carrie Pharr, Mrs. Emmett Smith, Mrs. Marshall Watts.

TAYLORSVILLE, EAST—Mr. Howard Lowe, Mr. L. G. Sweet, Mrs. Edd Elliott, Mrs. Eunice Howie,, Mrs. J. G. Carrigan, Mrs. Butler Chapman, Mrs. R. Love Dixon, Rev. R. Love Dixon.

TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST—A. C. Payne, Mrs. U. L. Hafer, R. L. Moose,

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Proceedings
Sixty-Seventh Annual Session
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October 6th and 7th, 1954

1. The Alexander Baptist Association convened in its sixty-seventh annual session with Pilgrim Baptist church. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. James R. Lail.

2. Brother Lail, accompanied by Mrs. O. W. Pully at the piano

3. Rev. Clate Brown had scripture and prayer.

4. Rev. R. L. Dixon moved the adoption of the program.

6. At this time Rev. O. W. Pully, pastor of Hiddenite Baptist Church was recognized.

7. The necessary committees were appointed at this time and are listed elsewhere in the minutes.

8. Rev. David Boaz brought the Sunday School report at this time.

9. Miss Lucy Thompson gave the training union report and Mr. J. P. Morgan spoke to the report.

10. Rev. Boaz read the brotherhood report in the absence of James Farthing and Donald Adcox and Gary Hathcock, spoke to this report.

11. Miss Evelyn Keller gave the W. M. M. U. report and Mrs. John Wacaster spoke to the report.

12. Rev. W. O. Johnson gave a report on Christian literature and Dr. L. L. Carpenter spoke to the report.

13. We were favored at this time with special music by a group from Gardner Webb College.

14. Rev. Herman Johnson at this time preached the annual sermon. He led the closing prayer. Adjourned for lunch.

Wednesday Afternoon

15. Promptly at 1:30 the association reconvened and Brother Laid led the congregation in singing 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus".

16. Rev. O. W. Pully had the devotion.

17. W. G. Wilson gave a report on Associational Missions.

18. Rev. Otha Warren brought the report on State Missions.

19. Mrs. Butler Chapman gave a report on Home Missions.

20. Mrs. R. L. Dixon gave the report on Foreign Missions.

21. At this time Dr. M. A. Huggins spoke to these reports.

22. We were again favored by music from the Gardner-Webb group.

23. The association adjourned to meet with Little River Baptist Church the following day.

Thursday Morning

24. The second days session began promptly at 9:30 at Little River Baptist Church.

25. Rev. J. L. Rufty had scripture and prayer.

26. Brother Fred Watts led the congregation in singing "Heavenly Sunshine".

27. Earl Teague gave the Hospital Report and Dr. W. K. McGee spoke to the report.

28. Miss Blanche Hodge brought a report on Christian Education and Dr. Bud Smith spoke to the report.

29. Rev. Jeffie Daniels gave the Orphanage report and J. Morse Grant spoke to the report.

30. We were favored with music by a group from Wingate College.

31. At this time the nominating committee brought the following report: Moderator, Rev. James Lail; vice moderator, R. Love Dixon; Clerk-Treasurer, Marcella Hines; Historian, Chas. E. Echerd.

32. Rev. George H. Wallace brought the inspirational message at this time.

Thursday Afternoon

33. Brother Fred Watts led the congregation in the opening hymn and Rev. Oscar Tucker read the scripture and led in prayer.

34. Brother J. A. Icenhour brought a report on Evils of Alcohol and Rev. R. M. Hauss spoke to the report.

35. Mrs. Earl Teague gave the report on Vacation Bible School and spoke to the report.

36. Mrs. Warren Keller gave the report on Stewardship and Tithing and spoke to the report.

RESOLUTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That we humbly thank our Heavenly Father for His goodness and mercy to us during another year.
2. That we express our gratitude and appreciation to the Pilgrim Baptist Church and to the Little River Baptist Church for their gracious hospitality, their fine Christian fellowship, and their bountiful dinners.
3. That we record our thanks to our Moderator, Bro. J. R. Lail, and our Clerk, Miss Marcella Hines, for their untiring efforts, and to our program committee, for the fine and helpful program they presented for our use.
4. That we pray the Blessings of God upon every Church in our Association and upon our sin-sick world until we meet again.

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. Watts
Mrs. Roy Rogers

37. At this time Rev. Boaz recommended that the Association have a night session next year and invited the Association to met with Taylorsville First Church.

38. Mr. Chas. Echerd gave the history of Little River Church.

39. The following committee reported at this time:
Time, Place and Preacher.
Time: Wednesday and Thursday before the Second Sunday in October.
Place: Linneys Grove Baptist Church on Wednesday, Wednesday night, Taylorsville, First; Hiddenite Baptist Church on Thursday.
Preacher: R. L. Dixon, pastor East Taylorsville.

40. The group from Wingate College favored us with special music at this time.

41. Dr. J. C. Canipe brought the closing message.

42. The sixty seventh annual session came to a close.

Sunday School Report

Churches have not yet fully realized what an effective tool the the Sunday School can be in winning the lost to Christ, and leading Christians to a closer walk with Christ. In the Sunday School, the church's best talent and most consecrated leadership come into contact with the people, especially the boys and girls, who need Christ. We thank God that the leaders of our denomination are showing us the way to make fuller use of our Sunday Schools to reach the lost.

The campaign for "A Million More in '54" was perhaps the most effective effort ever made in utilizing the Sunday School for Christ. Just how much was accomplished in Alexander Association toward that goal, we do not yet have reports to show. But when the letters from all the churches are in at this meeting they will show gains in enrollment and attendance in nearly all our churches, and outstandng gains in some of them, from which we already have reports.

Our needs in Alexander Association where Sunday School work is concerned are many. Some of us need more adequate buildings, most of us need more and better trained workers and teachers; all of us need a more concerted effort to reach and enroll those not in Sunday School. No doubt we all need more zeal for the salvation of the lost in our communities.

But what seems to be our most immediate need is for new life in our Associational organization. Specifically, we need to elect a complete list of Associational Sunday School Officers to lead us in a united effort to build more effective Sunday Schools in all of our Churches. Together, a few of us can do more than all can do separately.

It is hoped that at this associational meeting, we will take the initial steps in laying the foundations for a strong Associational Sunday School Organization.

Respectfully submitted
David C. Boaz

Baptist Training Union Report

Great blessings have come to Alexander Association this year in the revival services which have been held in our churches with many lost people finding Christ as Saviour. We rejoice over every soul who has been born into the Kingdom of God. Now that the revivals are almost over for this year, what are we going to do to help these new Christians grow into active, informed doctrinally sound Baptists?

The Training Union has the answer for its offers a plan for daily Bible reading and prayer, a weekly study to guide a growing Christian life into knowledge and practical application of that

knowledge. Church membership, doctrines, missions, stewardship, worship and witnessing are some of the all important subjects considered. By dividing members of the Training Union into unions according to ages and sharing the work within the union, we are able to give each member a chance to develop. Then the Training Union offers wholesome Christian fellowship which we need so much in this cynical, confused world.

This year our six churches with Training Unions have given demonstration programs in churches without one. We believe that any church would be helping its members to become better and more useful Christians by having a Training Union. The important thing is that you Organize Now before any more time is lost. Let your associational officers help for we want to serve.

Our association was well represented at our Regional Convention in North Wilkesboro in May. We are looking forward to another Singspiration this fall such as the one held in April at Antioch. We are to have a Central Training School for all of our churches November 8-11 at 7 p. m., in the First Baptist Church, Taylorsville. M-Night with Rev. James S. Potter, of Statesville, as the speaker will be held Monday night, December 6th at East Taylorsville church. Come share these meetings with us. Together let us make 1955 our greatest year for Christ.

Respectfully submitted

Lucy Thompson

Baptist Brotherhood Report

Brotherhood work in the Association has gone forward, with seven churches now having participated organizations, two others planning such participation. The The Beulah Church Brotherhood was the last organized. The Associational Brotherhood, meeting quarterly, last year had programs emphasizing Baptist institutions, namely Baptist colleges, Home for Aging, and Orphanage. Brotherhood is designed to enlist and challenge men, who in turn become a force in magnifying the work and ministry of the church, thus becoming a force for Christ.

James B. Farthing
Associational Brotherhood President

Report Of Associational W. M. U. Superintendent

We have labored faithfully together this year and reached most of the goals that we have set. In some phases of our W. M. U. work we have made real progress, but we realize that there is yet much to be done in advancing the kingdom.

We are happy to report that we have eight churches in our association having a W. M. U. This is a gain of three over last year. These are Stony Point, Hiddeinte, East Taylorsville, Taylorsville, First; Antioch, Liledoun, Bethlehem and Beulah. We also have organized one W. M. U. in the Rocky Face Association which is the Mount Olive Church. We know that they will organize more in their association. Within these eight churches in our association we report two new young people's organizations. 572 Women and Young people compose our associational W. M. U. This is an increase of 50 over last year.

Our women have taken great interest this year in Mission Study and Community Missions, and are studying and learning more the need of missions at home and abroad, we also know that the world's greatest need is for others to know Jesus as Savior.

We are very happy and thankful that more of our W. M. U. members are stressing and practicing the stewardship of possessions. In 1952-53, we reported $2,155.00 given to four missions causes. This year we report $2,212.02. 74 new tithers have been reported making the total 298.

This year has ended with much accomplished and still yet much more to be done. There are still many uninlisted women in our churches that we must win. We are thankful for things that have been accomplished, and pray that God will unite our hearts for greater zeal to do more in His name this year than we've ever done before.

Respectfully submitted,
(Miss) Evelyn Keller

Report On State Missions

State Missions is the missionary effort on the part of North Carolina Baptist to reach the unsaved for Christ and teach, enlist and train the saved for service.

(1) There are 4,200.000 people in this state, 1,900,000 above the age of eight years are affiliated with some kind of church. While 1,900,000 of these above the age of eight years are unchurched. We can assume that 25 per cent of the affiliated church members are unsaved. North Carolina therefore is far from being half Christian. Here is our urgent challenge.

(2) We have 760,000 Baptist church members in North Carolina. Perhaps 35 per cent of these are enlisted and are being taught and trained in christian service. This means that 65 per cent of our church is not dedicated in the christian profession.

(3) The above interpretation of the purpose and challenge of State Missions demand program of Mission activity.

a. Our people need to be taught and trained, therefore three of the most signimicant phases of our state mission work are promoted through the Sunday School, Training Union, and Rural Church department. 2,000 Vacation Bible Schools have been reported this year. Over 6,000 of our Baptist people attended Training Union week at Caswell, Fruitland and Ridgecrest this summer. Many quarter and half-time churches have been led to actuate full-time program of service.

b. A growing population demands new and stronger churches. State Missions provides a necessary and significant ministry through aid on the purchase of sites for new churches also aid in the pastor salary.

c. Pastors schools are promoted through State Missions to meet a growing demand. Each year about 125 pastors receive better training at Fruitland.

d. Other areas of need constantly challenge resources of State Missions are: (a) The Allied Church League, The Silent People, the Department of Pastoral Care, the assemblies at Fruitland and Caswell.

e. Our church and denominational leaders of tomorrow need to be taught and trained today. State Missions promotes a Baptist student program among our boys and girls in the various colleges and universities of this state.

f. What are the sources of support of State Missions? Co-operative program, $262,000 ig goals is met; Sunday School Board, $20,000; Home Mission Board $2,000; W. M. U. Week of Prayer $72,000 gives a total of $356,000 with offerings through Sunday School October 24th a question.

State Mission budget to meet needs now in demand is $450,000 goal for state mission day October 24th is $94,000.

Therefore, will you as an individual and as a church do your part so that the first part of the great commission might be obeyed. and North Carolina and the world might be more Christian.

W. O. Warren

Home Missions Report

The past year was one of the best in the history of the Home Mission Board, knowing it to be the last year of Dr. J. B. Lawrence to act as executive secretary-treasurer, it seemed that the entire staff in all fields doubled their efforts.

This was the fourth year of our five year crusade, so our whole program has benefitted from the special efforts put forth in these three previous years. During this four year period our work has

increased in numbers from 754 regulars to 937 and from 271 student Missionaries to 366.

We also increased in professions of faith by 24 per cent over the four previous years, and 58 per cent in our gifts.

Baptisms for this period reported 131,404 and 1,081 new churches constituted also 2,573 missions stated.

In the fifth year of this crusade now, the emphasis are on witnessing for Christ. Four goals have been set.

FIRST: Is an effort to lead every individual christian to be a more effective witness for his Lord.

SECOND: Every church is encouraged to include all neglected groups in its program.

THIRD: Churches and associations are establishing and supporting local missions and mission program in order to evangelize the unchnurched.

FOURTH: The Home Mission Board is making a special attempt to help correlate these efforts in behalf of the spiritually underprivileged and is using its resources in money and personnel to reach areas and people which have not been included in our Baptist Ministry

Respectfully submitted
Mrs. Butler Chapman

Foreign Mission Report

The advance program that was launched in 1948 has yielded a net income of 283 missionaries and an annual increase in gifts of the field of literature the Commission had at the end of the year of approximately $3,000,000. Another evidence of growth is found in circulation of 90,850 also pamplets aggregating 1,575,000 were published during the year. So marked has been the increase in demands on the department of education and promotion that it has been necessary to employ a field representative, Dr. Roger M. Smith came to the board on January 1, 1954, to serve in that capacity.

We are grateful for the progress that has been made during 53 but we are concerned about the millions who still set in darkness. Years ago we used to sing "How Long Must We Wait" for the good news. Many thousands have already answered that question, tired of waiting they have turned to Mohammeanism and Catholicism and now for the time being at least they are beyond reach of our message. They are still many who are untouched by any of the isms we have mentioned. It is they who constitute a mandate to Southern Baptist. We must not fail them and we dare not disobey the mandate of God with reference to them.

Respectfully submitted
Mrs. R. Love Dixon

Report On North Carolina Baptist Hospital

Our Baptist Hospital is caring for more people this year than at any other time in its history. This is possible because of the use of the New South Wing, about half of which is now complete and in use. This new building provides many new and enlarged facilities which add a great deal to the service provided for our people. About 14,000 bed patients will receive treatment in the hospital in the course of the year, while many other thousands will be seen in the clinics.

The enlargment of the hospital has made possible the enlarging of our school of nursing, it being one of the largest in the State. Our hospital offers a superior type of training and its graduates have high rating wherever they go. This means that our nursing school can accept only students of the highest caliber. They especially want those high grade students of fine Christian character from our Baptist homes. A new class enters each September. Prospective students should write to the Director of Nurses in advance and made application early in the year since there are far more applications than can be accepted.

The Baptist Hospital with the various schools associated with it forms an important educational center in the field of medical care. It trains doctors, nurses, technicians, and pastors and other Christian workers. The center of the entire hospital program is always the sick person, however. Everything else is secondary to and must be in the interest of the patient.

For the past ten years our Federal and State Governments have assisted in a program of building hospitals in counties and areas where there had been no hospitals. This program increases the importance of our Baptist Medical Center in relation to the family physician and the local hospital. The majority of the patients who go to our Medical Centers are sent by their own local doctors in order that the patient may have the benefit of such facilities and specialists.

Our Hospital provides this type of service for persons who cannot pay for it, as well as for those who can pay in full. This is where our churches share in this ministry of healing. There are multitudes in our State who cannot receive the care they need unless somebody else helps pay for it. Our Hospital has no money except what the patients pay and what we give. On Mother's Day we have the privilege of sharing with those who are sick and need our help. Unless we give generously some will seek in vain for help at our Hospital. Let this not be true because you and I have failed!

Respectfully submitted,

Earl Teague

Christian Education Report

Where there is Christian education there is progress. Without an adequately trained leadership our churches would soon find themselves unable to reach and develop their people as they should. Baptists realize this and, as a result, have supported their own educational institutions.

Southern Baptists support six seminaries and the Carver School of Missions and Social Work. These are: the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., the New Orleans Seminary in New Orleans, Louisiana; Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas; Golden Gate Seminary at Berkley, California; and Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina; and The American Seminary for Negroes at Nashville, Tennessee.

Every State Convention has its own Baptist junior and senior colleges and academies to support. There are 52 colleges and 10 academies and Bible Schools. This makes a total of 69 schools, colleges, and seminaries promoted by Southern Baptists.

Of the students enrolled in the Southern Baptist schools, colleges and seminaries, almost one out of every four are ministerial students.

Let us now consider our program as North Carolina Baptists in the field of Christian education. We have seven colleges, two of them senior—Wake Forest and Meredith, and five of them junior—Mars Hill, Gardner-Webb, Campbell, Wingate, and Chowan. All these colleges are co-educational except Meredith which is for young women only. Of the 4771 students enrolled 433 are ministrial students and 236 are mission volunteers.

These seven colleges have an annual operation budget of approximately $4,000,000. North Carolina Baptists, through the Cooperative Program, make available over $400,000 to aid them in their operating costs, which is an average of $87.53 per student enrolled for the year.

Most of these seven colleges have new dormitories and classroom facilities under construction. Baptists may best provide these colleges with the financial aid sorely needed by increasing their offerings through the Cooperative Program.

The appraised value of the plants of these colleges, using the present Wake Forest college campus, is $9,857,732; and they have a total endowment, not including the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, of $6,139,490.00.

We as North Carolina Baptists must support these great institutions of Christian learning by giving to them our offerings, our prayers, and our Baptist students. We must remember that the task is not simply to provide an education, but a Christian education.

Respectfully submitted,
Blanche Hodge

The Orphanage Report

It gives me pleasure to have the privilege to bring to our Association another report in behalf of our oprhanage homes.

The officials of the homes are glad to report to us that they have had another good year, caring for about 700 children, with the plants in good condition. Good friends who have the means have erected a recreational center, and, best of all, a very beautiful church at Mills Home, where they can worship the Lord.

They expect soon to have a new church at the Kennedy Home also.

They desire that as many as can will take the Charity and Children paper, which can be received for 60c per year.

Our churches can support our orphanages by almost any method they desire. However, most of the support, up to the present time, comes through the monthly and Thanksgiving offerings.

Last year, and again this year, I have taken some apples to the children at the homes, and I found them to be highly appreciated, and I want to urge our people at any time they can to arrange to take them a load of apples that, in many cases, would otherwise go to waste. They have cold storage and are prepared to take care of any amount they might receive.

Canned beans, blackberries, irish potatoes, corn and apples are things they never get too much of.

"In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto me". Matthew 25:40

Respectfully submitted
Jeffie Daniels

Report On Evils Of Alcohol

It would take a thousand tounges to speak of all the evils of this dreadful sin.

My mind is drawn to God's Man of Wisdom as he records in Prov 25 and 28. "He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down and without walls.

Surely we must agree that alcohol deprives man of this rule. As exemplified in Noah's grief and the multiplied tragedies that blooded the life of Lot through strong drink.

We should weep as we read of the use of alcohol beverage among our high school students as published by the Mrs. John Sheppard Foundation, Inc., where it is stated that almost ninety per cent of our high school students, at least in one era, use alcohol beverage.

Yale University recently released, "Drinking In College" report. They found that 74 per cent of 17,000 college students they questioned drank. With 45 per cent of men and 56 per cent women tipplers admitting they began long before they reached their teens,

at the age of ten or before, incidently, most of them connecting drinking with morally questionable sexual behavior. All of which takes us back to God's own gentle reminder in I Cor. 10: 12: "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. Isenhour

Vacation Bible School Report For 1954

Vacation Bible Schools are becoming an annual affair in most of our Southern Baptist churches, and are a great teaching agency for our boys and girls. Through Vacation Bible School we reach many children each year our churches have not been able to reach. In Bible teaching, of learning to missionary. They are taught to worship God through music and receive character training. Many are won to Christ and those who are Christians are strengthened by their worship and study together.

Each church should have and can have a Vacation Bible School. The schools are usually held during summer vacation, when the children are resting from the public schools. Their minds are fresh and lert and we have a great opportunity to teach them at this time.

The church should sponsor the school and elect the principal along with the other church officers. The principal should have young people and believe in vacation Bible School as Means to reach many boys and girls for Christ.

The pastor and principal should select the teachers with great care and see that they are taught the Vacation Bible School Guides. Each teacher should have as their goal a standard school in their church..

In the Alexander Association in 1953 we had seven schools with an enrollment of 674. There were 11 professions of faith. We gave $116 to the cooperative program. There were enrolled in these Bible School seven who were not members of any Sunday School. We can reach the unsual in each community. Let us have a vacation Bible school in each church in 1955.

Mrs. Earl Teague

Stewardship

In comparing the minutes of 1945 with the ones in 1953, one can see that we are growing in Christian giving.

In our Association in 1945 there was 36 churches with a membership of 6,952. From this membership the churches reported a total offering of $57,882.88. This amount was distributed between local and mission work. Local $51,275.38. This making an average of $1,424.00 per church per year and an average of $7.50 per person per year. For missions $6,605.33. This making an average of $183.48 per church, per year, and an average of 95c per person per year.

In 1953 there were 24 churches with a membership of 4,723. From this membership reported a total offering of $141,225.00. This was distributed between local and mission work. Local $126,928.00. This making an average of $5,517.00 per church per year, and an average of $612.75 per church per year and an average of $3.00 per person per year.

Over this period of nine years 23 churches are giving over three times as much for local and mission work than the 36 churches did. We are making progress in the field of stewardship. But can we truthfully say "I am the kind of steward that could rightfully hear the Master say, "Well done thy good and faithful servant."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Warren Keller

North Carolina Baptist Homes For Aging

The fourth Associational year of the Baptist Homes for the Aging has been one of the considerable expansion and encouraging progress. There are many evidences of the continued blessing of God upon this newest phase of our North Carolina Baptist program.

A step forward was taken when the Albemarle Home opened its doors on December 7, 1953. It afforded space for 35 additional residents, making the total capacity of the two homes 54 residents. Resthaven, Winston-Salem (19), and the Albemarle Home (35). The purchase price of the property at Albemarle—Hosptial and nurses home buildings and 3 acres of land—was $25,000. The cost of renovation was about $75,000 ,thus making the total cost of this plant $100,000. But, with the value of the equipment donated, the property there should now be worth at least $300,000. Good fortune was ours again in securing the splendid staff of helpers at Albemarle. Rev. Zeb A. Caudle, former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Aberdeen, was selected to serve as superintendent of the Albemarle Home. Both the residents of, and all who have visited the Home have been greatly pleased with the program of service.

Resthaven, at Winston-Salem, which began operating March 16, 1951, has been filled to capacity throughout the year. Although the ages in both Homes range from 67 to 94 years, there has been no death within the past year. The general health has been remarkably good, and the spirit of satisfaction on the part of the residents has been most encouraging. The greatest loss came from

the retirement of Miss Edna L. Heinzerling, supervisor of Resthaven since its opening. She had rendered most acceptable service. Mrs. Ethel Fulghum, a resident of Resthaven, was selected to act as supervisor temporarily.

A tract of 34 acres of land, just outside the city limits of Winston-Salem, was purchased in 1953, for a central site for new buildings. The cost was $25,000. A topographical map has been made and an architect engaged to prepare sketches of buildings to be erected on this central site, as money and circumstances will permit. It is the intention of the trustees, however to proceed with one building at a time. The first unit will furnish space for additional residents and for offices, chapel, infirmary, laundry, refirgeration, etc. It is hoped that construction of the first unit can get under way within a year.

Inquiries have been received as to the possibility of a couple erecting a cottage on the central site, so that they might live in it until death, and then the cottage would be available to another couple. The cost of erecting and furnishing it would be paid by the couple, but it would become the property of the North Carolina Baptist Homes.

The second Special Day Offering, February 21, 1954, was encouraging. The total amount will probably be $65,000 to $70,000. In addition, the Homes received $21,000 as their share of the Nine-Year Program. Word has come, too, of wills, from which the Homes will receive gifts. At least one will was probated in 1954, from which estate the Homes will receive $2,000. But the most encouraging progress has been the response, on the part of our churches, to the program of the Homes. More and more of them are beginning to support the Homes through the Special Day Offering, or by special designated gifts. These evidences indicate the future success of the Homes in providing more facilities and accommodating larger numbers of aging friends.

The residents and all who are serving in the Homes are deeply grateful for the help received thus far, and they covet the prayers and continued support of our Baptist constituency in the future.

It is requested that an Associational representative be elected at this session, and the name be sent to General Superintendent J. M. Hayes, Kentucky Avenue, Winston-Salem, N. C.

IN MEMORIAM

ANTIOCH—Mrs. Annie Hollar, Mrs. Jane Smith.

BETHANY—Mr. Gordon Hayes.

BETHLEHEM—Mr. Uriah Price, Mr. William Keller.

CALVARY—Mr. Bill Deal, Mr. Edd Lowman, Mr. Thomas Tedder.

HIDDENITE—Deacon J. A. Adams, Mrs. Mary Patterson.

LILEDOUN—Mrs. Onna Chapman, Mrs. Daisy Jenkins.

LINNEYS GROVE—Mrs. Joanna Gwaltney, Mrs. Gerte Walden, Mr. J. Floddie McLain, Deacon Charlie J. Gwaltney.

LITTLE RIVER—Deacon John T. Rogers, Mrs. Lettie James, Mrs. Martha Lou Land, James.

MT. HERMAN—Mr. Greene McBride.

OXFORD MEMORIAL—Mrs. Laura Tolbert.

PILGRIM—Mrs. Minnie Harrington, Mr. Winslow Campbell.

PLEASANT HILL—Mrs. J. Melvin Childers, Mrs. J. Zeno Harrintgon.

POPLAR SPRINGS—Miss Ila Walker

TAYLORSVILLE FIRST—John C. Bell, Mrs. Kate Robinette.

TABLE I. CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

Association Alexander State - North Carolina

For Year Ending September 30, 19 54

Clerk Miss Marcella Hines Address Hiddenite, N. C.

Moderator Rev. J. R. Lail Address Taylorsville, N. C.

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Date of Meeting	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Baptisms	Letters and other Additions	Loss by death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-Resident Members	Grand Total present Members	Male Membership	Female Membership	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	State Paper in Budget	Pastor's Annual Salary
Antioch	R	1826	all	J. R. Lail, Rt 2, Taylorsville	5	6	7	266	102	368	160	208	2	25	yes	3750.
Bethany	R	1892	3	Clate Brown, Wilkesboro,	...	...	14	86	51	137	71	66	2	...	no	606.
Bethlehem	R	1871	all	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	12	2	6	303	...	303	....	....	2	14	no	3716.
Buelah	T	1916	all	Oscar C. Tucker, Taylorsville	4	8	7	60	15	75	21	54	3	...	no	1851.
Calvary	T	1948	all	Hinkle Little, Stony Point	0	3	12	87	23	11	43	68	3	...	...	528.
Damascus	R	1839	2,4	Irvin Wallace, Rt 2, Harmony	1	2	1	127	49	176	....	....	1	...	no	909.
Hiddenite	T	1915	all	O. W. Pulley, Hiddenite	1	5	12	119	49	166	63	103	..	60	yes	3120.
Lebanon	R	1884	1,3	Jeffie Daniels, Rt 3, Taylorsville	10	2	1	....	...	95	....	....	1	...	no	796.
Liledoun	V	1906	all	J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite	18	6	9	....	...	320	....	....	2	19	no	3959.
Linney's Grove	R	1895	2,4	Iredell Osborne, North Wilkesboro	5	8	5	....	...	144	65	79	1	...	no	680.
Little River	R	1792	1,3	H. I. Johnson, Moravian Falls	2	3	8	152	22	174	....	....	2	5	...	1084.
Millersville	V	1923	1,3	Hinkle Little, Stony Point	3	5	3	61	...	61	....	....	1	...	no	825.
Mt. Herman	R	1912	2,3,4	H. I. Johnson, Moravian Falls	11	2	14	....	...	228	114	114	2	...	...	1500.
Oxford Memorial	R	1942	1,3	S. I. Watts, Boomer	2	7	1	....	...	115	....	....	..	...	...	500.
Pilgrim	R	1837	1,3	T. M. Luffman, Jonesville	7	1	5	....	...	263	....	....	1	...	...	567.
Pleasant Hill	R	1852	1,3	W. O. Johnson, Rt 2, Taylorsville	4	6	8	181	56	237	81	156	1	...	no	420.
Poplar Springs	R	1872	2,3	W. O. Johnson, Rt 2, Taylorsville	6	3	9	....	...	195	....	....	1	...	no	948.
Smyrna	R	1923	all	W. Gordon Wilson, Rt 1, Taylorsville	5	5	...	91	27	118	44	74	2	27	yes	2145.
Stony Point	T	1909	all	Homer L. Good, Stony Point	13	13	12	455	75	530	260	270	1	200	yes	5200.
Taylorsville, East	T	1924	all	R. Love Dixon, Taylorsville	62	14	10	465	30	495	....	....	2	...	...	4680.
Taylorsville, First	T	1851	all	David C. Boaz, Taylorsville,	6	23	14	420	109	529	299	230	2	110	...	4800.
Totals	.....	.....	.....	.....	177	124	158	2873	606	4740	1221	1422	32	460	...	42584.

TABLE II. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT Wayne Austin SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Dept.	Officers not counted classes & Depts.	Grand Total Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Average Attendance V.B.S.	January Bible Study	Number Training Schools
Antioch	Wayne R. Austin, Rt 2, Taylorsville	..	16	36	38	50	40	37	123	..	4	344	220	116	110	no	none
Bethany	Herman Moore, Moravian Falls	..	...	17	...	...	12	15	16	..	..	60	45	33	30	no	none
Bethlehem	Hal Teague, Rt 1, Taylorsville	..	8	10	14	17	16	47	55	..	..	165	122	94	82	no	none
Beulah	Cleadus H. Perry, Taylorsville	4	...	15	12	...	12	25	26	..	..	94	65	....	....	no	none
Calvary	Robert Steele, Taylorsville	..	...	7	10	10	18	...	40	..	..	142	85	66	60	no	none
Damascus	Dwight Johnson, Rt 2, Hiddenite	..	...	5	8	10	3	17	42	..	..	85	58	56	50	no	none
Hiddenite	R. M. Grant, Rt 3, Taylorsville	4	5	8	12	15	10	16	59	12	2	143	97	102	85	yes	1
Lebanon	C. D. Poole, Rt 2, Taylorsville	..	5	4	4	10	9	...	25	..	5	65	45	....	....	no	none
Liledoun	Arthur R. Jenkins, Rt 2, Taylorsville.	..	...	45	40	50	40	35	75	..	..	285	226	87	84	...	....
Linneys Grove	Fred Hendren, Rt 2, Taylorsville	..	...	16	13	13	20	40	54	..	..	156	116	....	....	no	none
Little River	Turner Walker, Rt 2, Taylorsville	10	...	21	...	16	17	15	55	..	..	134	87	....	....	...	none
Millersville	Lewis White, Taylorsville	..	...	...	15	15	18	...	28	..	..	76	40	....	....	no	none
Mt. Herman	Kenneth Kerley, Rt 2, Taylorsville	..	11	19	15	22	15	27	100	..	..	219	136	87	83	...	none
Oxford Memoral	Millard Brookshire, Rt 2, Lenoir	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	....	....	....	....	...	....
Pilgrim	Paul Mayberry, Rt 1, New Hope	4	...	17	9	26	16	18	79	..	..	169	117	....	....	...	....
Pleasant Hill	Walter Harrington, Rt 3, Taylorsville.	..	...	29	20	14	11	26	51	..	3	153	96	....	....	...	....
Stony Point	A. D. Lindsey, Stony Point	..	42	26	45	50	37	45	239	..	7	491	275	197	174	no	1
Poplar Springs	Earl Robinette, Rt 2, Taylorsville	..	5	10	15	10	15	22	30	..	..	115	100	....	....	...	....
Smyrna	Earl Teague, Rt 2, Taylorsville	..	20	10	19	18	8	12	65	..	1	153	88	58	55	...	3
Taylorsville, East	Max Harrington, Taylorsville	8	24	27	39	59	46	21	138	..	6	366	....	206	135	yes	1
Taylorsville, First.	David C. Campbell, Taylorsville	11	20	21	40	45	48	26	164	10	6	391	243	185	157	yes	3
Totals	.....	51	156	343	368	450	411	444	1464	22	34	3806	2261	1287	1105	...	9

TABLE III. TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTOR Miss Lucy Thompson TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Antioch	Mrs. Charlie Caldwell, Rt 2, Taylorsville	8	15	15	33	34	..	35	6	146	90
Hiddenite	Miss Marcella Hines, Hiddente	..	5	5	10	9	8	11	2	50	47
Linneys Grove	Mrs. C. D. Linney, Rt 1, Hiddenite	..	5	7	12	17	15	27	6	93	45
Smyrna	Paul Teague, Rt 5, Hickory	5	..	9	11	8	15	15	..	63	39
Stony Point	Fred Robertson, Stony Point	..	6	16	21	24	30	46	11	154	80
Taylorsville, East	Conley Pennell, Taylorsville	12	..	15	27	21	12	31	5	123	32
Taylorsville, First		..	..	11	28	41	..	27	4	111	56
Totals		25	31	78	142	154	80	192	34	740	389

TABLE IV. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL PRESIDENT Evelyn Kellar PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	R. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y.W.A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	R. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers all Organizations
Antioch	Mrs. Russell Meadlock, Rt 1, Taylorsville	1	.	2	1	1	5	18	..	20	8	12	58	18
Bethlehem	Mrs. Kern Davis, 1219 10th St., NE, Hickory	1	.	.	.	.	1	19	..	...	..	..	19	7
Beulah	Mrs. Oscar T. Tucker, Taylorsville	1	.	.	.	.	1	12	..	...	..	..	12	...
Hiddenite	Mrs. Leach Gooden, Hiddenite	2	1	1	1	1	6	38	7	13	13	14	85	30
Liledoun	Mrs. Avery Fox, Taylorsville	1	.	.	.	.	1	12	..	...	..	..	12	...
Stony Point	Mrs. R. L. Steele, Stony Point	3	1	2	2	1	9	63	12	30	30	49	180	108
Taylorsville, East	Mrs. J. G. Carrigan, Jr., Taylorsville	1	1	1	1	1	5	51	8	24	15	24	122	50
Taylorsville, First	Miss Lucy Echerd, Taylorsville	1	.	2	1	1	5	84	..	22	7	20	133	39
Totals		11	3	8	6	5	33	297	27	109	73	119	621	252

HISTORICAL TABLE

YEAR	WHERE HELD	PREACHER	MODERATOR	CLERK
1887	Macedonia.....	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Hendren..	W. E. White.....
1888	Antioch.....	J. P. Gwaltney..	J. W. Hendren..	W. E. White.....
1889	Bethel.....	J. B. Poole.....	J. W. Hendren..	W. E. White.....
1890	Concord.....	D. W. Poole.....	L. P. Gwaltney.	T. A. Hudson....
1891	Dover.....	L. P. Gwaltney..	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1892	Taylorsville.....	W. J. Bumgarner.	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1893	Bethlehem.....	J. P. Gwaltney...	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1894	Mt. Olive.....	J. M. Shaver....	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1895	Pleasant Hill.....	C. Durham.....	J. J. Hendren..	T. A. Hudson....
1896	Pilgrim.....	D. W. Poole.....	J. J. Hendren..	T. A. Hudson....
1897	Sulphur Springs....	J. A. White.....	J. J. Hendren..	T. A. Hudson....
1898	Little River.....	L. P. Gwaltney..	J. J. Hendren..	T. A. Hudson....
1899	Linney's Grove.....	J. J. Reach.....	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1900	Lebanon.....	D. W. Poole.....	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1901	Three Forks.....	R. L. Davis.....	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1902	Taylor Springs.....	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts....	E. S. Millsaps..
1903	Poplar Springs.....	R. L. Davis.....	J. W. Watts....	E. S. Millsaps..
1904	Macedonia.....	O. A. Keller....	J. W. Watts....	J. J. H. Pool...
1905	Antioch.....	G. Z. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts....	J. J. H. Pool...
1906	Bethel.....	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts....	J. J. H. Pool...
1907	Bethlehem.....	R. Lee Davis....	J. W. Watts....	J. J. H. Pool...
1908	Concord.....	W. E. Linney....	J. W. Watts....	J. J. H. Pool...
1909	Damascus.....	J. M. Shaver....	J. W. Watts....	J. J. H. Pool...
1910	Dover.....	L. P. Gwaltney..	J. W. Watts....	R. L. Downs.....
1911	Lebanon.....	J. M. Shaver....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1912	Linney's Grove.....	G. Z. Bumgarner.	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1913	Taylorsville.....	Lloyd Teague....	J. W. Watts....	R. L. Downs.....
1914	Stony Point..	W. E. Linney ...	J. W. "	R. L. " ...
1915	Mt. Olive.....	D. W. Poole	J. W. "	R. L. " ...
1916	Pilgrim.....	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts....	R. L. Downs.....
1917	Mt. Herman.....	E. V. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts....	R. L. Downs.....
1918	.....	.....	J. W. Watts....	.....
1919	Sulphur Springs....	B. F. Austin....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1920	Three Forks.....	T. H. Williams..	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1921	Taylor Springs.....	T. E. Payne.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. W. Chatham...
1922	Macedonia.....	L. E. Barnes....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. W. Chatham...
1923	Bethany.....	J. W. Watts.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1924	Concord.....	J. S. Stephenson	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1925	Taylorsville.....	J. M. McAlpine..	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1926	Antioch.....	.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	W. E. White.....
1927	Mt. Olive.....	J. H. Boggs.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1928	Pleasant Grove.....	J. W. Rash	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1929	Mt. Hebron.....	E. V. Bumgarner.	J. L. Gwaltney,	R. B. McLeod....
1930	White Plains.....	C. C. Holland....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1931	Pleasant Hill.....	J. L. Teague....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1932	Sulphur Springs....	S. I. Watts.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1933	Macedonia.....	A. T. Howell....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod.....
1934	Little River.....	E. V. Bumgarner.	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1935	Hiddenite.....	G. C. Teague....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1936	Fairview.....	F. A. Pennell...	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1937	Taylorsville, East.	Lee James.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1938	Three Forks.....	G. C. Teague....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1939	Linney's Grove.....	C. C. Holland...	A. E. Watts....	R. B. McLeod....
1940	Bethlehem.....	T. L. Blalock...	A. E. Watts....	G. L. Chatham...
1941	Pilgrim.....	J. C. Gwaltney..	A. E. Watts....	R. B. McLeod....
1942	Antioch.....	E. C. Shoe.....	A. E. Watts....	R. B. McLeod....
1943	Damascus.....	E. V. Bumgarner.	A. E. Watts....	R. B. McLeod....
1944	Taylorsville, First	Homer L. Good...	E. C. Shoe.....	W. C. Grose.....
1945	Stony Point.....	Howard J. Ford..	E. C. Shoe.....	Homer L. Good...
1946	Damascus.....	E. C. Shoe.....	A. C. Payne....	Homer L. Good...
	Three Forks.....	.....	.....	.....
1947	Taylorsville, East.	A. E. Watts.....	A. C. Payne....	Homer L. Good...
	Taylor Springs.....	.....	.....	.....
1948	Poplar Springs.....	A. B. Bumgarner.	Homer L. Good..	W. W. Harrington
	Bethel.....	.....	.....	.....
1949	Antioch.....	W. O. Johnson...	E. V. Bumgarner	W. W. Harrington
	Hiddenite.....	.....	.....	.....
1950	Liledoun.....	J. A. Icenhour..	A. B. Bumgarner	J. L. Wells.....
	Mt. Herman.....	.....	.....	.....
1951	Stony Point.....	J. L. Wells.....	H. L. Good.....	J. L. Wells.....
	Taylorsville, East.	.....	.....	.....
1952	Taylorsville, First.	J. R. Lail.....	H. L. Good.....	J. L. Wells.....
	Smyrna.....	.....	.....	.....
1953	Pleasant Hill.....	David C. Boaz...	J. R. Lail.....	Marcella Hines..
	Bethlehem.....	.....	.....	.....
1954	Pilgrim.....	Herman Johnson..	J. R. Lail.....	Marcella Hines..
	Little River.....	.....	.....	.....

TABLE V. BROTHERHOOD WORK-BUILDING-GOALS-CHURCH-LIBRARY-CHURCH MUSIC-VISUAL EDUCATION

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD PRESIDENT James Farthing PRESIDENTS OF MEN'S BROTHERHOODS AND ADDRESSES	BROTHERHOOD				BUILDING			GOALS			CHURCH MUSIC						
		Men's Brotherhood Enrolment	No. Meetings Held	Total Brotherhood Enrolment	No. Meetings Held	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt at end of Year	Goal Cooperative Program Coming Year	Goal Association Missions Coming Year	Does Your Church Have a Library?	Number Choirs	Total Choir Enrolment	Music Budget	Use Church Musician Magazine	Church Had Music Training Course	Film-strip Projector	Motion Picture Projector
Antioch	.....	...	..	...	..	12000	72000	.....	....	...	...	1	30	...	...	...	...	..
Bethany	.....	...	..	...	..	.....	.....	.....	....	...	...	1	35	...	...	...	no	no
Bethlehem	Noah Lail, Rt 1, Granite Falls	14	12	14	12	.....	7000	1700	....	...	no	1	21	...	yes	no	no	no
Beulah	Earnest James, Taylorsville	14	9	14	9	.....	.....	.....	....	...	no	.	..	...	...	...	no	no
Calvary	.....	...	..	...	..	.....	.....	.....	....	...	no	1	30	...	no	no	no	no
Damascus	.....	...	..	...	..	.....	4500	none	....	...	no	1	..	...	no	no	no	no
Hiddenite	Hugh Hines, Hiddenite	19	7	19	7	7000	26000	none	....	...	yes	1	15	no	no	no	no	no
Lebanon	.....	...	..	...	..	.....	.....	.....	....	...	yes	1	10	no	no	no	no	no
Liledoun	Devon W. Dyson, Rt 1, Taylorsville.	17	12	17	12	.....	35000	none	....	...	no	2	..	...	...	yes	no	no
Linneys Grove	.....	...	..	...	..	.....	.....	.....	....	...	no	2	..	...	no	no	no	no
Little River	.....	...	..	...	..	.....	10000	.....	....	...	no	.	..	...	no	no	no	no
Millersville	.....	...	..	...	..	.....	.....	none	....	...	yes	1	..	no	no	no	no	no
Mt. Herman	.....	...	..	...	..	.....	52500	none	....	...	...	.	..	...	...	...	no	no
Oxford Memorial	.....	...	..	...	..	.....	.....	.....	....	...	...	.	..	...	...	...	no	no
Pilgrim	.....	...	..	...	..	.....	.....	.....	....	...	...	2	..	...	...	...	no	no
Pleasant Hill	.....	...	..	...	..	.....	.....	.....	....	...	yes	1	..	...	...	...	no	no
Poplar Springs	.....	...	..	...	..	.....	12000	300	....	...	no	1	18	...	no	no	no	no
Smyrna	.....	...	..	...	..	10000	30000	3327	....	...	no	.	..	...	...	...	no	no
Stony Point	Dawson Beckham, Stony Point	42	4	42	4	10000	90000	14200	....	...	yes	4	97	no	no	no	no	no
Taylorsville, East	J. M. Barnes, Taylorsville	34	12	34	12	8000	70000	none	1300	...	...	2	..	...	...	...	...	..
Taylorsville, First	M. B. Wallace, Taylorsville	40	12	40	12	10000	135000	9630	1800	300	no	3	50	135	no	no	yes	no
Totals	.....	180	68	180	68	57000	544000	29157	3100	300	...	25	306	135	...	...	...	..

TABLE VI. TOTAL GIFTS AND LOCAL EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER Miss Marcella Hines TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	All Receipts Through All Organizations for Year	Total Salaries (Excluding Pastor Salary)	Maintenance, Insurance	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (excluding Pastor's salary)	Pastor's Salary (money paid)	Grand Total Local Expense
Antioch.....	Dewey P. Austin, Rt 2, Taylorsville.....	9260	300	673	1878	614	116	200	.....	822	4604	3750	8354
Bethany.....	Mrs. Edd Hendren, Moravian Falls.....	1396	....	....	233	44	89	176	.....	47	591	606	1198
Bethlehem.....	Kern Davis, 1219, 10th St., Hickory.....	.....	360	423	167	172	192	280	2452	289	4336	3716	8053
Beulah.....	Mrs. Barney Gant, Taylorsville.....	2887	120	....	.....	73	177	171	.....	375	918	1851	2770
Calvary.....	Mable Lowman, Rt 2, Taylorsville.....	.....	120	14	.....	51	186	125	.....	240	738	528	1266
Damascus.....	Miss Maggie McLain, Rt 2, Statesville...	1792	....	61	587	48	....	115	.....	31	843	909	1752
Hiddenite.....	D. L. Kerley, Hiddenite.....	6881	....	1912	80	460	78	570	.....	437	3538	1680	5218
Lebanon.....	Mrs. Claude Fortner, Rt 2, Taylorsville.	.....	24	12	126	41	128	90	.....	250	661	796	1458
Liledoun.....	Vance E. Stafford, Rt 1, Taylorsville...	7665	....	1975	.....	241	742	215	.....	....	3175	3959	7133
Linneys Grove.....	L. A. Childers, Hiddenite.....	.....	....	29	193	74	11	93	1465	125	1992	680	2672
Little River.....	Mrs. Guy Rogers, Taylorsville.....	.....	....	219	1307	94	288	150	.....	84	2422	1084	3506
Millersville.....	Mrs. Foye Icenhour, Taylorsville.....	1606	44	....	.....	70	....	60	.....	116	291	825	1117
Mt. Herman.....	W. D. Johnson, Rt 2, Taylorsville.....	9667	240	104	7200	11	50	228	.....	501	8136	1500	9836
Oxford Memorial.....	G. C. Caldwell, Rt 2, Taylorsville.....	.....	....	45	6841	80	....	60	150	....	7177	500	7677
Pilgrim.....	Waitsel Johnson, Rt 1, Hiddenite.....	1347	....	42	87	41	76	78	.....	17	343	567	911
Pleasant Hill.....	Walter Harrington, Rt 3, Taylorsville...	4284	84	142	3223	101	81	80	.....	90	3803	420	4223
Poplar Springs.....	Mrs. Roy Rogers, Rt 2, Taylorsville.....	2481	....	67	37	....	294	133	.....	718	1250	948	2199
Smyrna.....	Mrs. J. W. Perkins, Rt 1, Conover.....	7074	80	74	7461	453	68	150	1125	179	9591	2145	11736
Stony Point.....	Howard Norton, Stony Point.....	21780	2376	412	2867	1826	....	145	4338	591	12559	5200	17759
Taylorsville, East..	Glenn O. Davis, Rt 3, Taylorsville.....	13703	887	1181	1321	837	595	110	.....	1183	6116	4320	10436
Taylorsville, First.	James B. Farthing, Taylorsville.....	26865	1748	1045	.....	1341	1405	464	10420	303	16729	4840	21569
* Totals.....	.....	118688	6383	8430	33608	6672	4576	3693	19950	6398	89812	40824	130843

TABLE VII, MISSION EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Relief, Annuity, Other Objects	Total Missions Expenditure	Grand Total Expenditure for all purposes
Antioch.....	Warren Keller, Rt 1, Taylorsville.....	614	25	46	30	26	168	263	101	43	1319	9674
Bethany.....	Junior D. Costner, Moravian Falls.....	....	...	...	8	38	...	148	16	...	211	1409
Bethlehem.....	Ray Sherrill, Rt 1, Granite Falls.....	236	...	106	92	77	...	272	....	185	971	9024
Beulah.....	Mrs. Roby Settlemyre, Taylorsville.....	40	...	...	11	7	...	28	10	50	148	2919
Calvary.....	Mrs. Stella Brookshire, Taylorsville.....	....	...	...	...	....	...	32	15	...	47	1314
Damascus.....	Miss Maggie McLain, Rt 2, Statesville.....	....	...	...	...	123	...	122	....	...	245	1998
Hiddenite.....	Gerald Goble, Hiddenite.....	117	120	202	130	175	25	635	128	139	1673	6892
Lebanon.....	Mrs. James H. Watts, Rt 2, Taylorsville.....	15	11	...	...	....	...	77	....	...	103	1562
Liledoun.....	Devon W. Dyson, Rt 1, Taylorsville.....	....	...	127	...	....	...	234	170	...	531	7665
Linneys Grove.....	Mrs. E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite.....	....	...	...	12	8	...	15	11	25	72	2744
Little River.....	Edwin L. Teague, Rt 2, Taylorsville.....	....	...	20	...	....	...	45	34	...	100	3607
Millersville.....	G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville,.....	....	...	10	15	....	...	30	13	30	98	1215
Mt. Herman.....	P. E. Johnson, Rt 2, Taylorsville.....	....	...	...	...	163	...	292	102	...	558	10394
Oxford Memorial.....	Mrs. Velva Pennell, Rt 2, Taylorsville.....	....	...	...	...	....	...	....	....	...	.....	7677
Pilgrim.....	D. C. Johnson, Rt 2, Statesville.....	....	...	...	...	....	...	47	22	36	105	1016
Pleasant Hill.....	Miss Artie Sue Tevepaugh, Rt 3, Taylorsville.	....	16	14	...	40	...	101	33	...	207	4430
Poplar Springs.....	Mrs. Roy Rogers, Rt 2, Taylorsville.....	....	...	..	...	76	...	155	....	50	282	2481
Smyrna.....	Mrs. Paul Teague, Rt 5, Hickory.....	37[illegible]	...	34	9	9	...	221	23	17	688	12425
Stony Point.....	Vance Stikeleather, Rt 1, Stony Point.....	1200	[illegible]	75	25	1025	...	900	429	...	4020	21780
Taylorsville, East..	.....	984	23	10	...	1048	...	568	62	25	2729	13165
Taylorsville, First.	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville.....	1420	..	134	103	246	200	534	546	200	3386	24569
Totals.....	.....	4998	567	778	435	3061	393	4719	1715	800	17593	147960

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Officers And Committees

Moderator, A. E. Watts ..... Taylorsville
Vice-Modeartor, W. O. Johnson ..... Route Two, Taylorsville
Clerk-Treasurer, W. O. Warren ..... Hiddenite
Historian, Charles E. Echerd ..... Taylorsville
B. T. U. Director, Mrs. Earl Teague ..... Route Two, Taylorsville
W. M. U. Supt., Miss Evelyn Keller ..... Taylorsville
Associational Brotherhood Pres.—A. D. Lindsey ..... Stony Point

Training Union Officers

Associate Director, Earl Teague ..... Route Two, Taylorsville
Secretary-Treasurer, Marcella Hines ..... Hiddenite

Department Leaders

Adult, Mrs. Butler Chapman ..... Taylorsville
Young People, Miss Faye Teague ..... Route One, Taylorsville
Intermediates, Mrs. Estelle Meadlock ..... Route One, Taylorsville
Junior, Miss Ethel Mae Goble ..... Hiddenite
Primary, Miss Linda Adams ..... Taylorsville
Nursery-Beginners, Miss Ross Carrigan ..... Taylorsville
Pastor-Advisor, Rev. David C. Boaz ..... Taylorsville
Choister, J. M. Barnes ..... Taylorsville
Pianist, Virginia Branton ..... Stony Point

Committees

NOMINATIONS: Rev. Love Dixon, Rev. J. A. Icenhour, P. E. Johnson.

PROGRAM: Rev. Homer Good, Rev. Herman Johnson, and Miss Evelyn Keller.

TIME, PLACE, PREACHER: Rev. A. E. Watts, Mrs. Roy Rogers, Escar Bowman.

RESOLUTIONS: Rev. W. O. Johnson, Mrs. Velva Pennell, Maurice Gilliam.

List Of Messengers

Antioch—Mrs. Warren Keller, Mrs. Earl Teague, Earl Teague.
Bethany—Floyd Hendren, Clarence Hendren, Edd Hendren.
Bethlehem—Ray Sherrill, T. B. Wagner, Mrs. G. L. Lewis.
Beulah—Escar Bowman, Wilma Settlemyre, Bernice Harrington.

Calvary—Mrs. Nay Brookshire, Wade Tedder, Mrs. Wade Tedder Mrs. Fannie Gant, Sherman Gant.

Damascus—R. N. Sloan, Clarence Martin, Ralph A. Wilson, Willie Johnson.

Hiddenite—J. T. Goble, Mrs. Lester Campbell, Harvey Fincannon

Lebanon—Mrs. Curlee Chapman, E. E. Bumgarner, Mrs. James H. Watts.

Liledoun—Otis Fox. E. M. Jenkins, Mrs. J. A. Icenhour.

Linney's Grove—L. A. Childers, Homer Baity, Sanford Hayes.
Little River—Thedora Rogers, Joe McDuffie, Edwin L. Teague.

Macedonia—Mrs. Kermit Patterson, C. E. Mahaffey, Phyllis Stafford, Mrs. Jason Ingram, Mrs. Coie Icenhour.

Millersville—J. Ben Thompson, G. S. Hampton, Pervie Fox.

Mt. Herman—P. E. Johnson, Henry Gileland, Mrs. W. D. Johnson.

Oxford Memorial—Mrs. Elva Reid, Wade Hollar, Pender Caldwell.

Pilgrim—D. C. Johnson, Wayne Hayes, Paul Mayberry.

Pleasant Hill—Artie Sue Tevepaugh, Tommy Daniels, Walter Harrington.

Poplar Springs—Mrs. Roy Rogers, Mrs. Mack Walker, Earl Robinette.

Smyrna—T. L. Hedrick, Marshall Fox, Glenn Lail, W. G. Wilson, Mrs. Charlie Cline.

Stony Point—W. C. Grose, H. S. Grose, J. P. Watts, Mrs. A. D. Lindsey, Mrs. Elsie Alexander.

Taylorsville, East—Mrs. Kate Keller, Mrs. Edd Elliott, Mrs. Genry Rector, Mrs. Lonzo Davis, L. G. Sweet, Mrs. Bill James R. Love Dixon.

Taylorsville, First—Elvin Yoder, Mrs. U. L. Hafer, R. L. Moose.

Visitors

Rev. W. H. Spradlin, Jr., Training Union Department, Mr. Jack Bagwell, Sunday School Department; Rev. Zeb Caudle, Albemarle Home for Aging; Rev. Howard Ford, Elkin Association; Rev. J. C. Pipes, Associational Secretary Promotion, N. C. State Convention; Rev. J. Roy Clifford, Baptist Hospital; Rev. R. F. Smith, Kennedy Home, Don Adcox, Gary Harthcock, Hendersonville; Dr. J. Allen Easley, Wake Forest College; Dr. Bud Smith, Wingate College; Mr. Lawson Allen, Gardner-Webb College; Professor Harvey N. Lance, Mars Hill College.

Church Directory

ANTIOCH—Pastor, J. R. Lail, Route 2, Taylorsville; Clerk, Warren Keller, Route 1, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Dewey P. Austin, Route 2, Taylorsville; S. S. Superintendent, Wayne R. Austin, Route 2, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Mrs. Estelle Meadlock, Route 1, Taylorsville; T. U. Director, Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, Route 2, Taylorsville.

BETHANY—Pastor, Clate Brown, Wilkesboro; Clerk, Junior D. Costner, Moravian Falls; Treasurer, Mrs. Zenna B. Hendren, Moravian Falls; S. S. Superintendent, Herman Moore, Moravian Falls.

BETHLEHEM—Pastor, A. E. Watts, Taylorsville; Clerk, Ray Sherrill, Route 1, Granite Falls; Treasurer, Kern Davis, Route 1, Granite Falls; S. S. Superintendent, Howard Teague, Route 1, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Mrs. Clyde Carrigan, Route 1, Taylorsville.

BEULAH—Pastor, Oscar C. Tucker, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. Robert Settlemeyer, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. Barney Gant, Taylorsville; S. S. Superintendent, Mrs. Raymond Harrington, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Mrs. Stella Brown, General Delivery, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Barney Gant Taylorsville.

CALVARY—Pastor, Henkle Little, Stony Point; Clerk, Mrs. Nay Brookshire, Route 1, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. Nay Brookshire, Route 1, Taylorsville; S. S. Superintendent, Wade Tedder, Taylorsville.

DAMASCUS—Pastor, Ervin Wallace, Route 2, Harmony; Clerk, Maggie McLain, Route 2, Statesville; Treasurer, Maggie McLain, S. S. Superintendent, Dwight Johnson, Route 2, Hiddenite.

HIDDENITE—Pastor, Maurie H. Gilliam, Hiddenite; Clerk, Gerald Goble, Hiddenite; Treasurer, D. L. Kerley, Hiddenite; S. S. Superintendent, R. M. Grant, Route 3, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Mrs. Marvin Childers, Route 2, Hiddenite; T. U. Director, Marcella Hines, Hiddenite.

LEBANON—Pastor, Jeffie Daniels, Route 3, Taylorsville, Clerk, Mrs. James H. Watts, Route 4, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Peggy Fortner, Route 4, Taylorsville; S. S. Superintendent, C. D. Poole, Route 4, Taylorsville.

LILEDOUN—Pastor, J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite, Clerk, Devon W. Dyson, Route 2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Vance Stafford, Taylorsville; S. S. Superintendent, Arthur Jenkins, Route 2, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Mrs. Lucille Jenkins, Route 2, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Avery Fox, Taylorsville.

LINNEYS GROVE—Pastor, Irvin Wallace, Route 2, Harmony; Clerk, Mrs. E. F. Millsaps, Route 1, Hiddenite; Treasurer, L. A. Childers,, Route 1, Hiddenite; S. S. Superintendent, Fred Hendren, Hiddenite; T. U. Director, Miss Winona Gwaltney, Route 1, Hiddenite.

LITTLE RIVER—Pastor, Herman Johnson, Taylorsville; Clerk Edwin L. Teague, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Nellie Ann Rodgers, Taylorsville; S. S. Superintendent, Joe McDuffie, Route 4, Taylorsville.

MACEDONIA—Pastor, W. O. Warren, Hiddenite; Clerk, Mrs. Kermit Patterson, Stony Point; Treasurer, Conrad Fox, Route 1, Taylorsville; S. S. Superintendent, Clyde Mecimore, Route 1, Taylorsville.

MILLERSVILLE—Pastor, Wade Rogers, Taylorsville; Clerk, G. S. Hampton, Route 1, Taylorsville; Treasurer, J. Ben Thompson, Taylorsville; S. S. Superintendent, G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville.

MT. HERMAN—Pastor, Herman Johnson, Route Two, Taylorsville; Clerk, P. E. Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Willie D. Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville. S. S. Superintendent, P. E. Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville.

OXFORD MEMORIAL—Pastor, S. I. Watts, Boomer, Clerk, Mrs. Elva Reid, Route 2, Lenoir; Treasurer, Edell Reid, Route 2, Lenoir; S. S. Superintendent, Clifford Haney, Route 2, Lenoir.

PILGRIM—Pastor, T. M. Luffman, Jonesville; Clerk, D. C. Johnson, Route 2, Statesville; Treasurer, Waitsel B. Johnson, Route 1, Hiddenite; S. S. Superintendent, Paul Mayberry, Route 1, New Hope.

PLEASANT HILL—Pastor, W. O. Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville; Clerk, Artie Sue Tevepaugh, Route 3, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Walter Harrington, Route 3, Taylorsville; S. S. Superintendent, Walter Harrington, Route 3, Taylorsville.

POPLAR SPRINGS—Pastor, W. O. Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. Roy Rogers, Route 4, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. Mrs. Roy Rogers. S. S. Superintendent, Earl Robinette, Route 4, Taylorsville.

SMYRNA—Pastor, W. Gordon Wilson, Route 1, Taylorsville; Clerk, Waitsel Cline, Route 1, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Marshall Fox, Route 1, Taylorsville; S. S. Superintendent, Glenn E. Lail, Route 1, Taylorsville; T. U. Director, Billy N. Killian, Route 1, Taylorsville, Brotherhood President, Billy Kiylian.

STONY POINT—Pastor, H. L. Good, Stony Point; Clerk, Vance Stikeleather, Stony Point; Treasurer, Howard Norton, Stony Point; S. S. Superintendent, A. D. Lindsey, Stony Point; W. M. U. President, Mrs. Leahman Keen, Stony Point; T. U. Director, Jackie Steele, Stony Point; Brotherhood President; A. E. Oliver, Stony Point.

TAYLORSVILLE, EAST—Pastor, R. L. Dixon, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. R. L. Dixon, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Glenn O. Davis, Taylorsville, S. S. Superintendent, Edd King Elliott, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Mrs. Conley Pennell; T. U. Director, Conley Pennell; Brotherhood President, Donald Oxford, Taylorsville.

TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST—Pastor, David C. Boaz, Taylorsville; Clerk, A. C. Payne, Taylorsville; Treasurer, James B. Farthing, Taylorsville; S. S. Superintendent, David C. Campbell, Taylorsville, W. M. U. President, Miss Lucy Echerd, Taylorsville; T. U. Director, N. W. Blalock, Taylorsville.

Proceedings

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
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October 12th and 13th, 1955

1. The Alexander Baptist Association convened in its sixty-eights annual session with Linney's Grove Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. James R. Lail.

2. Brother Lail, accompanied by Mrs. H. L. Hines at the pia.. led the congregation in singing "Come Thou Fount."

3. Brother Paul McAlpine had the scripture and prayer.

4. The Moderator at this time asked for a roll call of churches.

Rev. Jeffie Daniels at this time presented the program and moved its adoption.

6. Rev. H. L. Good asked permission to present a report on Christian Literature at some time during the meeting and permission was granted.

7. The necessary committees were appointed at this time and are listed elsewhere in the minutes.

8. Mrs. Earl Teague gave the Training Union report at this time as the speaker for the Sunday School report had not arrived. Mrs. Teague moved the adoption of the report, and Rev. W. H Spradlin, Jr., spoke to this report.

9. Miss Evelyn Keller could not give the W. M. U. report as the speaker had not arrived.

10. The moderator announced that the R. A. Report would be given at the night session.

11. Rev. A. E. Watts moved that Rev. Zeb Caudle be recognized at this time to speak on the Home for the Aging, since he could not be here for the second day. The motion was carried and Brother Caudle was recognized.

12. Rev. J. A. Icenhour gave the Sunday School report and the Vacation Bible School report, and moved the adoption of these reports. Brother Jack Bagwell spoke to these reports.

13. Miss Evelyn Keller gave the W. M. U. report at this time and moved the adoption of the report. Rev. Howard Ford spoke to this report.

14. The moderator at this time recognized the new pastors and workers who had come into the association since last year, Rev. Maurice H. Gilliam, Hiddenite Baptist Church, and Miss Ruth Hawkins, Music Director at Stony Point Baptist Church.

15. The Moderator recognized the visitors at this time and they are listed elsewhere in the minutes.

16. The host pastor, Rev. Irvin Wallace, was recognized at this time.

17. Brother Lail, accompanied by Mrs. H. L. Hines at the piano, led the congregation in singing "The Great Physician."

18. Rev. R. Love Dixon at this time preached the annual sermon, using as his text "Three Fold Commission", Mark 16: 7. He led the closing prayer and returned thanks for the lunch prepared by the host church. Adjourned for lunch.

Wednesday Afternoon

19. Promptly at 1:30 the association reconvened and Brother Lail led in singing "O Happy Day".

20. In the absence of Brother Mack McCurdy, Rev. Maurice Gilliam led the devotion.

21. Brother Boaz made the announcement about the night session and urged that everyone be present.

22. The moderator read a letter from Bethany Baptist church requesting dismission to join the Brushy Mountain Association. Brother A. E. Watts made the motion that the request be granted and the motion carried.

23. Brother Lail stated that Macedonia Baptist church wanted to come into the association. Brother A. E. Watts made the motion that they be accepted and the motion carried.

24. Rev. W. O. Johnson brought the report on Evangelism and moved the adoption of the report. Brother Johnson also spoke to his report.

25. Rev. Herman Johnson brought the report on State Missions and moved the adoption of the report.

26. Rev. Iredell Osborne was not present to give the report on Home Missions.

27. Rev. W. O. Warren gave the report on Foreign Missions and moved the adoption of the report.

28. Rev. J. C. Pipes spoke to the above reports.

29. The moderator recognized Brother Charles Echerd who gave the history of Linneys Grove Church.

30. The session adjourned to meet with First Baptist Church Taylorsville that night.

Wednesday Night

Brother Lail, accompanied by Mrs. Walter Harrington, at the organ led the congregation in singing "Higher Ground."

32. Brother Fred Johnson led our evening devotion.

33. Brother A. D. Lindsey brought the report on Brotherhood, and N. W. Blalock gave the report on the R. A. work. Brother Lindsey moved the adoption of the reports.

34. At this time we were favored with special music rendered by the First Baptist Choir.

35. The moderator at this time introduced the speakers of the evening, Gary Harthcock and Don Adcox.

36. The session adjourned to meet the following day at Hiddenite Baptist Church.

Thursday Morning

37. The second day's session began promptly at 9:30 at Hiddenite Baptist Church.

38. Brother Lail, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. H. L. Hines, led the congregation in singing "How Firm A Foundation."

39. Brother Oscar Tucker led in the opening devotion.

40. Brother Earl Teague gave the hospital report and moved the adoption of the report. Rev. J. Roy Clifford spoke to the report.

41. Rev. A. E. Watts gave the Orphanage report and moved the adoption of the report. Rev. R. F. Smith, pastor of Kennedy Home Church, spoke to the report.

42. Brother Isaac Watts gave the report on Home for the Aging and moved the adoption of the report. Brother Caudle had spoken on the Home for the Aging the first day.

43. Brother Homer Good at this time gave a report on Christian Literature and moved the adoption of the report. Brother Good spoke to the report.

44. Brother Maurice Gilliam brought the report on Christian Education and moved the adoption of the report. The following representatives were recognized at this time: Dr. J. Allen Easley, Wake Forest College; Dr. Bud Smith, Wingate College; Prof. Harvey N. Lance, Mars Hill College; and Mr. Lawson Allen, Gardner-Webb College.

45. Brother Love Dixon at this time gave the report from the nominating committee and the following were elected: Moderator, Rev. A. E. Watts; Vice-Moderator, Rev. W. O. Johnson; Clerk, Rev. W. O. Warren; Historian, Charles E. Echerd.

46. Brother Lail led the congregation in singing "Showers of Blessings."

47. Rev. David Boaz brought a message on the Pastor's Duty to the Church and the Church's Duty to the Pastor.

48. Brother Boaz led in prayer and the session adjourned for lunch.

Afternoon Session

49. Brother Lail led in singing "Wonderful Words of Life".

50. Rev. Gordon Wilson led in the devotion for the afternoon session.

51. The clerk at this time made some corrections in addition on the digest of church letters.

52. Brother E. V. Bumgarner was ill and not able to be present and Brother Jeffie Daniels read the report on the Leading Evils of our Day. Brother Daniels moved the adoption of the report and also spoke to the report.

53. Mrs. Butler Chapman was not present and Mrs. Warren Keller gave the report on Stewardship. Mrs. Keller moved the adoption of this report and spoke to the report.

54. At this time the following committees reported:

Report On Time, Place and Preacher

TIME. Wednesday and Thursday after the Second Sunday in October, 1956.

PLACE: First day Liledoun, evening session Mt. Herman; second day, Lebanon.

PREACHER: Homer L. Good. Alternate, Jeffie Daniels.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Watts
Mrs. Roy Rogers
Escar Bowman, Committee.

55. Brother A. E. Watts stated that as yet there had been no invitation for the second day, the association voted to accept the report as read, and that the chairman notify the clerk at the earliest date possible the place for the second day.

56. Brother W. O. Johnson read the report on Resolutions and the association voted to accept the report.

57. Brother Charles Echerd read the history of Hiddenite Baptist Church and moved the adoption of the report.

58. Brother Echerd moved that the clerk have the minutes printed at the Taylorsville Times. Brother Good amended that the Times must agree to have them ready within two months and the association voted to have them printed at the Taylorsville Times.

59. Brother Lail asked that the incoming moderator, Rev. A. E. Watts, come to the platform and assured him of the cooperation of the association in backing him in the coming year as moderator.

60. Brother Lail led the congregation in singing "I Need Thee Every Hour."

61. At this time Brother Good brought the closing message of the session.

62. Brother Good led in the closing prayer and the sixty-eighth annual session came to a close.

The Annual Sermon

Our Threefold Commission—Luke 16: 1-8

Have you ever tried in your imagination to live those forty days between Resurrection and Ascention? I have. (1) How I would have enjoyed being there! THINK OF IT! (2) You might meet Jesus risen from the dead around any bend. (3) Then I remember He only appeared only to believers. Sometimes I wonder why He did not go to Herod or Pilot and say to them—Look, you thought you had done away with me. (4) Then I remember that is fleshy thinking—and not like Jesus. (5) He made Himself known only to His own, and if people are to know about Him today you and I must tell them. (6) You talk about a news story! Here is the greatest piece of news on earth. JESUS DIED AND ROSE AGAIN It is true. He really did it! (7) They buried Him dead and He came back alive. (8) It is the greatest news flash in history. (9) But we christians have got to use it. (10) We have mixed it with EASTER Corsages, BUNNY RABBITS, Spring Bonnets, and Colored Eggs. All of which we can talk with greater thrills about

WE HEAR MUCH ABOUT THE GREAT COMMISSION, but we have three commissions, (1) to the woman at the empty tomb the angels said "Go Tell His Desciples"—Mark 16:7.

WE HAVE A MESSAGE FOR A BEWILDERED CHURCH, (1) These Disciples were bewildered. Jesus had died. Their dreams had faded. Their hopes were gone. They did not know what to think—They could not get all of this to come out right. (2) Some of them had gone back to the old things, shaking their head (3) They were trying to live on the memory of a dead Christ. (4) When that is all you have, you are bewildered indeed. (5) But they were no more bewildered than the church today. Everywhere, Christians are confused. (6) Some are so taken up with their own problems that cannot help others. (7) Others are so busy trying to take care of everybodys problems that they are no help to anybody. (8) Many are chasing themselves to death after one fad then another—Trying to find something that will satisfy their soul's hunger. (9) Dr. C. C. Warren, says we are swapping one dead member for another as a funeral home would trade one corpse for another. (10) Vance Havner says. Some have made the Gospel a funeral, others a frolic. Both have forgotten its feast! (11) What a message to a bewildered church. "Go tell my disciples that He goeth before you" The MESSAGE IS SIMPLY CHRIST. (12) We need a new experience of the living Christ. (13) He is not behind us in a tomb. He is ahead of us. (14) Look at the appeal of Jesus to Mary in the Garden. (15) There was the Misery—"Woman why weepest thou"? (16) O how many miserable Christians there are today. (17) Then there is the mystery. "Mary did

not know where to find her Lord. (18) So many today are out of touch with Jesus. No VITAL Communion. Sometimes in my church I seem to think that there are those who maybe want to stand and with Mary say, "You have carried my Lord away and I don't know where they have put Him. (19) They have come to our churches and found not the Christ, and our churches have no more allurement—Dr Lee Tuttle. (20) When Mary recognized Jesus she called Him Master. (a) That is the cure for it all. But when we see and acknowledge Him (b) That comes the Commission. Go to the brethern and say To meet Him in full committment always brings the GO.

OUR CHURCHES NEED TO SEE JESUS.—"Then were the disciples glad when they saw the Lord" . Not when they looked at each other. When they saw HIM. When they come to our churches and go away looking like they had been honoring a corpse instead of hailing a conqueror. It's when they have not seen HIM.

We have a second commission. Go tell His disciples and Peter.

(1) Here is a message to a blacksliding Christian. (2) Peter was a backslider and Jesus wanted to restore him. (3) We take such the rounds of the community. (4) Don't you know the gossipers had a field day when Peter denyed Jesus. Couldn't you hear them. Have you heard about Rev. Simon Peter. He swore that he never knew Jesus. I never had much confidence in him any way.

Jesus did not feel that way. And today He is looking for backsliders. (1) He has a ruster or a storm in the path of all. (2) When He found Peter he did not shame or abuse him. (3) He said "DO YOU LOVE ME" He is the secret of it all. (4) On the night when Peter denied him, it was a look not a lecture. (5) We skin the saints on theater going, card playing and really get no where with it. (6) You do not have this with people who really love Jesus. (7) You can always tell the folks who live in the wilderness, living on—Garlic—Instead of canons Glory. What is wrong with this? Why is it wrong to do that? (a) People who live in cannons never ask such questions (b) When we live on milk and honey, the garlic of this world has no appeal to us. (c) Not a matter of quitting something, but a matter of finding something thats so much better. (d) When I was a young man I knew a lot of fine young ladies then one day I met a little brown eyed girl, and from there on I did not worry or work at the task of quitting or getting away from others, I wanted more than any thing in the world to be with her. When we really fall in love with Jesus no one has to pull us away from the world. Come out he said.

We Have a third commission, a benited world. Go tell the world and make disciples. That message is Christ. He is the Center. (a) All power is given unto me: Lo, I am with you always (b) The world is the circumstances, in His interview with Peter he was the center. "Lovest thou me"? But there was also the

circumstances: "Feed my sheep" (c) In geometry we use a compass, one prong stationary the other sweeps around. Christ is that fixed center. "The same Yesterday, Today and Forever". You and I make the sweep, we know first that, "What the world needs is Jesus, just one glimpse of Him" and "We've a story to tell to the nations. We are out to win them not to a way of life but to a person, the man Christ Jesus.

(1) We have something back of us. "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth", and what resources. "All things are delivered unto me of my father" "Come unto me" Matt. 11: 27-28. All power is given unto me . . . Go". Put together and we have all things. All things are mine. Come believe, go. That is the full christian experience. (2) There is something before us. "All The World. (3) There is someone with us, Lo, I am with you.' And let us not forget that our message is Christ himself. (a) We try to match the world, in amusement, and ethics and philosophy. (b) We forget that what we have that the world doesn't have is Jesus." (c) We are to let our light shine, that light is Christ, it is a glow, not a glare, and we do not shine it, we let it shine. "Go tell the disciples; go tell Peter; go tell the world." And tell them about Jesus, DEAD, RISEN, and alive forever.

Report On Resolutions

Resolution Number One

We, the committee on resolutions, resolve to express our appreciation for the fine hospitality shown to the Alexander Association by the people of Linney's Grove Baptist Church, Taylorsville First Church, and Hiddenite Baptist Church, which met on October 12th and 13, 1955.

Resolution Number Two

We wish to express sincere appreciation to the moderator, clerk, program committee, and other officers of the association for the splendid way in which they have conducted the session of the annual meeting.

Recognition

The committee on resolutions wishes to congratulate and commend the people of Linney's Grove Baptist Church on their beautiful new building.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee on Resolutions
W. O. Johnson
Maurice H. Gilliam
Mrs. Velva Pennell

Baptist Training Union Report

Progress has been made in Training Union work during the past year, but we have much room for improvement. We have twenty-one churches in our association and only seven of these churches report a training union. We hope in the near future to have an active training union in all the churches in our association.

There are two important dates that I want to remind you of, the first one is a central training school to be held the week of Ocober 24-27, in the First Baptist Church in Taylorsville. There will be two classes for each age group, Juniors, Adults with leadership classes too. We are also having a class for Deacons, so there will be a place for everyone. The other date is December 5th which is our December mass meeting. This will be held with the Antioch Baptist Church. I hope everyone will take advantage of the opportunities offered in our training school. Let us study together to be better prepared leaders and officers in our churches.

Mrs. Kathleen Teague

Fulfilling The Great Command—Through Teaching

As the great teacher commanded his disciples to "Go ye into all the world teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world.". We should endeavor to fulfill this command through teaching in our Sunday Schools today. Our Sunday Schols are the very heart of our program to Christianize the world.

Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it".

It seems to be more difficult to win souls to God after they have reached adulthood. Recently there was a report from J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, stating that approximately 90 per cent of our Juvenile delinquency crime wave was not enrolled in Sunday School. Even now we are paying great amounts of money to finance a Senate Sub-Committee to travel all over this great country of ours to try to find ways of combatting Juvenile Delinquency. Does this not challenge us as Christian people to strive even harder to enroll and teach our children in our Sunday School. Then we should continue to teach our converts after Salvation and Baptism the finer traits of a Christian life.

As Paul said in Ephesians 6:4 "And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." The most successful way to build a Sunday School is by a visitation program. Jesus said, "Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."—Luke 14:23.

Respectfully submitted
J. A. Isenhour

Vacation Bible School's Place In The Church

Through the years the various denominations have developed different methods for the promotion and administration of the Vacation Bible School. The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has related it definitely to the Sunday School as a division of the Sunday School. In this way, the Sunday School becomes responsible for the Vacation Bible School, as a part of its own educational work in behalf of the boys and girls to whom it ministers on Sunday.

In essence, the Vacation Bible School is the projection of four departments of the Sunday School—Beginner, Primary, Junior, and Intermediate—into the week day, five days a week, three hours a day, for as many weeks as possible. What goes on in the Vacation Bible School is largely what would go on in these four departments of the Sunday School if they had three hours a day, five days a week for their work instead of the one hour and fifteen minutes which they have on Sunday mornings.

The school is for three groups of boys and girls in the community: first, those of the Sunday School; second, those who go to no Sunday School; and third, if there be room for them, boys and girls from other Sunday Schools of the community who may wish to attend.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. Isenhour

Report Of Associational W. M. U. Superintendent

The Women's Missionary Union has had a successful year in most phases of it's work this year, but we feel that we have left things undone that should have been done to advance the Kingdom of our Lord.

We now have nine churches in the association that have a W. M. U. These are Stony Point, Hiddenite, Antioch, East Taylorsville First, Beulah, Liledoun, Bethlehem and our new one is Mount Herman. We report four new Young Peoples organizations and glad that our young people are taking a greater interest in our mission work and that they are dedicating their lives to full time service to Christ. Six hundred and fifty women and young people make up our Associational W. M. U. This is an increase of seventy eight over last year.

We are greatful that more of our ladies, each year, are taking interest in attending our W. M. U. meetings. Some attended our week at Ridecrest, some attended other meetings in Raleigh, Boone, Wilkesboro and some our Southern Baptist W. M. U. meeting and convention in Miami, Florida. We feel that we have been inspired by attending these.

The increase in gifts to missions this year indicate that our ladies are spreading the Gospel through stewardship of possessions. In 1953-54 we reported $2,212.02 given to four mission causes. This year we report $2,418.56. Sixty-seven new tithers have been reported this year.

In the Master's last message to the disciples, he said for them to begin their work where they were. Acts 1:8 tells us that Christ wanted us to begin his work at home, then launch out to all parts of the world. Our ladies are doing a fine job in community missions here at home and are sending gifts to those on foreign fields so that other people might know Christ.

Another year has ended and still there are ladies, boys and girls unenlisted. Our prayer is that our Lord will unite us in such a way that we will so work together that many lost people will come to know Jesus Christ through our efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Keller

Evangelism

The mission of Jesus was to "Seek and Save The Lost". His spirit was one of compassionate anxiety that all men be saved. Evangelism then to us, as his people should mean the winning of others to his banner.

Evangelism has ever been our strongest fort and we should put our "First and Greatest Effort" on bringing lost men to Jesus that they might be saved. Our work depends upon our consecration to this great task. We need to get in earnest about the salvation of our lost people and anchor our faith in the doctrine that our "First Duty" as individual Christians and as Churches is to reach the lost by which we are surrounded.

If we would be successful in our evangelistic efforts, we must have:

1. A faithful ministry.
2. A consecrated membership.
3. A deep and abiding conviction that man by nature is lost and condemned to hell and that Jesus alone is the only remedy for sinful man.
4. A firm conviction of the value of a soul and to feel alarmed over the eternal danger of our people who are living in sin.
5. There must be much fervent praying and a profound consecrated effort, by both pastor and people and then the spirit to wait for the Holy Spirit to convict and save.

We have been vitally interested in our Church building programs, and that is good, but we need to major in major things, which is the winning of the lost. This is Evangelism at its best.

Respectfully submitted,
W. O. Johnson

Report On State Missions

STATE MISSIONS—is the missionary effort on the part of North Carolina Baptists to reach the unsaved for Christ and teach, enlist, and train the saved in giving, living, and serving through the churches and throughout the world.

(1). There are 4,225,000 people in the State. About 2,000,000 of these above the age of eight years are affiliated with some kind of church. 1,900,000 of these above the age of eight years are unchurched. If 25 per cent of the affiliated church members are unsaved, then 62 1-2 per cent of the people of North Carolina above the age of eight years are lost. North Carolina, therefore, is far from being half Christian. Here is our urgent challenge.

(2) We have 781,777 Baptist church members in North Carolina. Perhaps 35 per cent of these are enlisted and are being taught and trained in Christian giving, living, and serving. This means that 65 per cent of our church constituency is not dedicated in the Christian profession. In this undeveloped area, the churches have their primary challenge.

(3) The above interpretation of the purpose and challenge of State Missions demand a varied program of mission activity.

A. Our people need to be taught and trained. Therefore, three of the most significant phases of our State Missions work are promoted through the Sunday School, Training Union, and Rural Church Departments. Already 2,200 Vacation Bible Schools have been reported for 1955—giving $29,000 to the Cooperative Program. Over 5,700 of our Baptist people attend Training Union Weeks at Caswell, Fruitland and Ridgecrest this summer. Perhaps this is a record for any state. Many rural churches have been enlisted in our Baptist program of Stewardship and Organizational life. Many quarter and half-time churches have been led to full-time programs of service.

B. Over Sixty-Percent of The People in North Carolina are lost and need a Savior. State Missions provides a Department of Evangelism that seeks to inspire pastors and churches to evangelize their communities; also to plan for and promote united evangelistic efforts on a State and Associational-wide scale. Since the organization of this Department baptisms have averaged 8,000 a year more. North Carolina Baptist churches, during the crusade, Baptised more people than any other state except Texas.

C. A Growing Population Demands New And Stronger

Churches. State Missions provides a necessary and significant ministry through aid on the purchase of sites for new churches and some one hundred or more salaries for pastors. These supports enable new churches to move forward in a building program and other churches to strengthen their programs and enable the pastors to give more of their time in developing stewardship churches. During the past year approximately $110,000 was invested in this work.

D. A More Highly Developed And Intelligent Congregation Demands A Better Trained Pastor. Pastor's Schools are promoted through State Missions to meet this growing demand. Each year about 125 pastors receive better training at Fruitland and about 35 at Caswell. Refresher courses are offered from time to time at Mars Hill and Caswell for the benefit of all pastors and their wives—trained or untrained. This summer we reached approximately 400 during these two weeks.

E. The Colored Races In Our Midst—constitute a large percentage of our population. State Missions seeks to minister in a limited degree to the Negroes and Indians. We should do more —not because the Catholics are winning them, but because we should. Ours is the major denomination in North Carolina and, therefore, they are our responsibility.

F. Other areas of need constantly challenge the resources of State Mission, namely:

(a) The Allied Church League.—This organization is doing a tremendous job in helping to produce a sober and sane citizenship in North Carolina.

(b) The Silent People.—Three thousand of them beckon for our care, love, and concern.

(c) The Deptartment of Pastoral Care—All our pastors need help, counsel, guidance in facing their own problems and those of their people. This department cannot begin to meet the calls that come.

(d) The Assemblies—Fruitland and Caswell.—Our people greatly need the fellowship inspiration and training they offer Perhaps 12,000 attended these assemblies this summer.

G. Our Church and Denominational Leaders of Tomorrow Need to be Taught and Trained in Cooperation and Loyalty Now— State Missions promotes a Baptist Student program among 20,000 sons and daughters from our Baptst homes who are attending the many colleges, universities, business and medical schools of our State. These young men and women constitute a great potential leadership for all areas of tomorrow's world. The churches will need the strength and service of that leadership. Baptist Student Centers near the campuses of our State colleges and other schools are a must.

H. What are the sources of support whereby State Missions can function effectively and fruitfully in all these phases of work? Here they are:

(1) Cooperative Program, $264,000 if goals are met; (2) Sunday School Board, $20,000; (3) Home Mission Board, $2,000; (4) W. M. U. Week of Prayer, $75,000, (goal); total $361,000; (5) Offering through the Sunday Schools October 23, hoped for $89,000.

The State Missions budget to meet minimum needs is $450,000. The minimum goal for State Missions Day on October 23 is $89,000. Remember, this day for Missionary Baptist Churches in North Carolina is the oldest of our Mission emphasis.

I. Therefore, will you as an individual and you as a church do your part so that the first part of The Great Commission might be obeyed—and that these rich ministries might be continued to the extent that next year North Carolina and the world might be more Christian?

Respectfully submitted,
H. I. Johnson

Foreign Mission Report

For the first time in the history of Southern Baptist, the number of foreign missionaries has reached the one thousand mark. On May 15, 1955, the number stood at 1,002, including 67 appointments during 1954 and 64 during the first five months of 1955. A loss of 37 missionaries leaves an increase of 93 since January 1, 1954. During the seven years since January 1, 1948, when the Advance Program was launched, the number has increased 377.

To step up the annual number of appointments, the Foreign Mission Board is placing major emphasis on life commitment t special Christian service. Young people who feel the call of God to lifetime service will be asked to consider foreign service in harvest fields where laborers are fewest.

Missionaries of the Board live in 132 centers in 35 geographical areas. Their service touches innumerable surrounding villages and towns. Statistics from the current annual report show 3,776 out-stations. They also show 22,125 baptisms last year in 2,268 churches made up of 209,346 members served by 1,408 national and 120 missionary pastors, church organizations (Sunday Schools) Women's and Young People's grups) total 9,698 with 379,246 mem-

bers. There are 544 schools, with 85,456 students, including 23 seminaries with 979 enrolled. We have 11 hospitals and twenty-eight clinics, which treated 226,548 patients last year. Publishing houses on mission fields turned out 9,385,929 piece of literature, including books, magazines, and pamphlets.

Out of a total of $10,739,497 contributed by Southern Baptists through the Cooperative Program last year, $4,772,123 went to the Foreign Mission Board. In addition, Southern Baptist contributed to Foreign Missions $1,539,230 in designated gifts and $3,600,765 through the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

At the home office last October, Dr. Frank Means, formerly secretary of the Department of Education and Promotion, became secretary for Latin America to fill the vacancy created by the death in April last year of Dr. Everette Gill, Jr.

Submitted by,
Otha Warren

Report Of Alexander Associational Brotherhood

North Carolina Baptists are "On The March" in every phase of their work. This is especially true as it relates to their Brotherhood endeavor. It is with much delight that we submit to our Association this report of the stewardship of their Brotherhood up to date, keeping in mind that all the Brotherhood movement has done and is seeking to do is to enlist the men of all our churches in an ever-increasing number in supporting more fully and adequately their own local church programs and that of our great denomination.

The most vital and fruitful periods in the history of the Christian Church have been those in which laymen have most vividly realized and most earnestly sought to discharge their responsibility to propagate the Christian faith.

Meaning And Purpose

A Brotherhood is a group of consecrated Christian men, preferably all of the men in a Missionary Baptist Church seventeen years old and above who have banded themselves together for the sole purpose of promoting the full program of their Church and Denomination. The Brotherhood is built upon four Cornerstones: Evangelism, Stewardship, Bible Doctrine and Church Loyalty.

Its Function

It is a service organization which seeks to harness and utilize the manpower in the Church and to provide an outlet for men to put into action those impressions for Christian witnessing they received while attending the various services of the Church. The following six vital functions carried out by the organization will enable one to see something of its challenges and objectives.

1. The Brotherhood offers a great Christian fellowship to all of the men.

2. Programs are planned and offered which will give the men visions of the great program of Christ carried on by the Church and Denomination.

3. The sponsorship of Royal Ambassadors and Promotion of the Man and Boy Movement.

4. The Brotherhood offers and endeavors to give every man in the church a definite responsibility and service to render in undergirding and promoting the full church and denominational program.

5. The enlistment and cultivation of that large group of delinquent church members.

6. The Brotherhoods seek to lead the men to witness for Christ and win lost souls to the Saviour.

7. The Brotherhood endeavors through its Education Committee to enlist every home in the church for the Biblical Recorder and other Denominational Periodicals.

We have in North Carolina nine hundred and seventy eight Brotherhoods at present. These Brotherhoods will represent over fifty thousand men. Fifty eight of the seventy-three Associations and the Ten Regions have been organized thus far. During 1955 Horace Easom, State Brotherhood Secertary, has given three-fourths time to the Brotherhood work and the other to the Baptist Foundation and Wake Forest program. The Associational Brotherhoods meet quarterly and the Regional and State Brotherhood organizations meet annually. Brotherhood Retreats were held this summer at Caswell Baptist Assembly, Fruitland Baptist Assembly, and Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly.

According to the records in the State Brotherhood Office the following churches have reported Brotherhood organizations up to date: Beulah, Bethlehem, East Taylorsville, Hiddenite, Liledoun, Stony Point, Taylorsville, First; and Smyrna.

Our State Secretary plans to give much time during the coming year in the Alexander Association in the support and promotion of Brotherhood movement.

With the above report and in line with these suggestions I make the following recommendations:

(1) That Alexander Association continue to strive toward the goal of "An Active Brotherhood in Every Church".

(2). That we continue an Alexander Associational Brotherhood organization in keeping with the plan of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South which is as follows: An Associational Brotherhood President, Program Vice-President, Attendance Vice-President, Promotion Vice-President, Chorister, Secretary and Treasurer, and an Advisory Council to be composed of three pastors and three laymen.

(3). That we cooperate with the State Brotherhood Department in sponsoring and promoting a joint Brotherhood-Royal Ambassador, one night clinic in our Association sometime during the year of 1956.

Respectfully submitted
A. D. Lindsay

North Carolina Baptist Hospital—1955 Report

Our Baptist Hospital fills an important place in the life and work of North Carolina Baptists. It will probably serve 50,000 patients this year, touching every area of our State.

In addition to this great host of sick people our hospital provides an educational program for more than 450 young people who are in training to become nurses, doctors, technicians, pastors and other Christian workers.

The Department of Pastoral Care provides Christian counseling and guidance for the patients, students, hospital staff and personnel, as well as hundreds of others who come to the hospital from over the State for this purpose alone.

It is not easy to estimate the value of these and other services rendered by our hospital to multiplied thousands of people of all ages in the fields of health, education, and spiritual guidance.

The cost of carrying on this program for such a multitude of people is tremendous—more than two million dollars a year. One-half million dollars of this is spent in helping to care for sick people who are not able to pay for the service they need. We are grateful to God for the privilege of sharing in such a work, and we want to thank the Churches of our Association for their part in it.

The opportunities for Christian service and witness through hospital are truly great. We need to give it a much more generous support through our Mother's Day offerinsg and the Cooperative Program.

Respectfully
Earl Teague

ORPHANAGE REPORT

The Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina is dedicated to the care of children who are denied the the privilege of homelife and parental care. Our Orphanage has cared for thousands of children during the years, and this year, is caring for 713 children. Also our Orphnage staff helped place more than 600 other children. The Orphanage is under the able direction of Brother W. C. Reid, who is the General Superintendent.

This work is a great challenge, for God has said in His word, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this. To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." However we can't build orphanages for all needy children, and as Christian people, we should encourage fathers and mothers, and prospective fathers and mothers, to rededicate themselves to the task of building Christian homes.

Brother Reid tells us that the work has gone forward steadily this year and that the children's needs have been adequately met. However, it takes lots of money to care for 700 children and therefore, we urge that every church in our association make an offering each month, and at Thanksgiving promote a worthy offering for our homeless children who cannot possibly help themselves.

The true greatness of any group of people is measured largely in terms of the care, the training, and the religious instruction it gives to its children. If we Baptist are to hear from our Savior the words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servants", we must continue to minister to the homeless and helpless children of our state.

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. Watts

REPORT ON THE HOME OF THE AGING

It is gratifying that the Baptists of North Carolina have established and are maintaining two homes for the aging, one in Winston-Salem supervised by Rev. James Hayes, the other in Albemarle, supervised by Rev. Zeb Caudle both of which are doing a fine work.

The doors of these homes are open to the faithful men and women who have spent their lives in the service of our Lord through their local churches and who in their declining years may not be able to get the care they need in the even-tide of life. In these homes they find comfort, congeniality and such Christian environment as to make their last years of life here a foretaste of that rest that awaits the faithful.

These homes at present are caring for fifty-five inmates, and when the program of expansion is completed they will have room for forty more. These people are happy and secure in their new environment, and are deeply grateful to North Carolina Baptists who have made possible this security in their declining days.

These homes not only afford shelter and security to these aging but their spiritual needs are met by faithful chaplains and visiting pastors and others who are in convenient distance from the homes to render their service.

These homes are supported by their share from the nine year program of our state convention, by special day offerings from the churches taken on the third Sunday in February, by residents who are able to pay for their care and by memorial gifts made by generous friends of the homes. Israel's sweet minstrel, prayed "Now also when I am old and grey-headed, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come". We shall be derelicts if we fail these who are bending beneath the weight of toil and years and are waiting the call to the eternal rest that awaits them at the end of the day.

Respectfully submitted
S. I. Watts

1955 Report On Biblical Recorder And Other Baptist Literature

The printed page has great power. Its message can go to many places where the spoken word and sermon cannot be heard. Christian literature is a mighty force for good in promoting the Lord's work and in sowing the seeds of righteousness in the minds of people today. The devil is using the power of the printed word as never before. There is a vast flood and bad literature that promotes paganism, worldiness, and downright evil thoughts and deeds. Some of these bad books, periodicals, magazines, often get into Baptist homes. This should not be. Baptists have compelling reasons to seek out and use the fine Christian literature that is to be had today; and surely they ought to read the excellent variety that comes from Baptist presses.

Perhaps no body of people in the world has a finer array of wholesome, inspiring literature for all ages than the Baptists. The aim of it all is to inform the people, to unify and enlist them in the Lord's work, to indoctrinate them in Baptist truths, to uphold the Bible and its teachings, and to point out the great sweep of Baptist work that claims the finest efforts of all who serve God in these days. Christian literature must be promoted, read, and used by our people in our homes and churches, if the whole program of Christ is to be carried out by Baptists working together.

When the North Carolina Baptist Convention was organized in 1830, its main purpose, as stated in its Constitution, was "the promotion of missions, education, social service, and the distribution of sound religious literature." Shortly afterward, in 1833, the Biblical Recorder was founded, and for 122 years it has borne the true message of Baptist life, growth and thought in North Carolina. It has a noble heritage to preserve, and a high mission to fulfill. No Baptist home or mail box in North Carolina is outside the reach of the Recorder each week. It ought to be in every Baptist home in our State.

The present circulation of the Recorder is approximately 61,000 each week. We are grateful to our pastors, associational workers, Sunday School officers, teachers, State workers, and many other friends for their continued interest in and support of the Recorder. The representatives in the local churches have been faithful in securing renewals and new subscribers. We wish to thank every one for his or her help.

The Recorder has three subscription plans, unchanged for years; individual or single subscriptions are $2.50 a year; subscriptions in the Club Plan are $2.00 a year; and in the Every-Family Plan the rate is only $1.50 a year for each resident home or family in the church.

We urge all pastors, superintendents, deacons, W. M. U. and Training Union leaders and others to do all possible to encourage the Every-Family Plan, or at least a good-sized Recorder Club in every church. At present, about 1,500 churches in North Carolina have either Clubs or the Every-Family Plan.

Please remember in your prayers the Recorder and its staff, as we seek to be of utmost possible service to North Carolina Baptists. We want to be faithful to our task; we want the Recorder to be a faithful weekly witness and helper in every Baptist home and church in this State. We must all work together in the will of God as we strive to promote every cause dear to the hearts of our Baptist people.

Respectfully submitted
H. L. Good

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In our time the need for knowledge and true education is no longer questioned. We know that the present demands of the world make education a necessity. Businesses demand well trained personnel; our best churches seek trained men and women for leadership. denominational activities are dependent upon those who are prepared. For example, our Foreign Mission Board insists that only those young men and women with college and seminary training be considered prepared to carry the gospel to the world. Reports from our own missionaires tell us how inadequate they find themselves when competing with the knowledge of the leaders of other religions.

When the needs of the world today are considered, we as Baptist believe that Christian education is necessary. Morover, it is our conviction that the fruit of Christian education in our homes, churches, and communities is evidence of its value. Another reason why we believe in Christian education and the support of seminaries and colleges is that we believe in the competency of the individual to seek and know God's will for his life. Furthermore, it is our belief that God's will for one's life will be revealed in a study and understanding of the Bible.

In North Carolina, in addition to the Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina, we have seven Baptist colleges with a total enrollment of approximately 6,000 students, 750 of whom are training themselves for the ministry and other special mission service. During the year 1955 our Cooperative Program budget is expected to provide $945,146.00, or an average of a little more than $150.00 per student for both operating and capital purposes in our colleges. This is somewhat below the amount the Convention provides for seminary students. From the Convention

funds an average of $535.00 per student is made available. It i hoped that in the near future these colleges will receive increased amounts to enable them to do more effectively what Baptist expect of them.

Our seven colleges in North Carolina are: Wake Forest, Meredith, Campbell, Gardner-Webb, Wingate, and Chowan. In June of 1956 Wake Forest College will move to its new campus at Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and the Southeastern Seminary will take over the campus at Wake Forest.

All seven of these colleges are in building and expansion programs, trying to provide for the ever increasing number of students desiring to attend Baptist Colleges. As you can see, we are now facing our greatest opportunity in the work of Christian education.

Certainly every Baptist is proud of our schools ,and everyone should realize the challenge of the present condition. To meet the challenge before us we must do a better job of promotion in our own association.

Realizing the need of Christian education for our students as they graduate from high school ,therefore, be it resolved:

That we urge our pastors to encourage our boys and girls to attend one of our Baptist colleges.

Respectfully submitted
Maurice H. Gilliam

OUTSTANDING EVILS OF OUR DAY

Your program committee has assigned me the task of bringing a report on the Evils of Our Day. The following is in the belief of your committee some of the most outstanding evils with which we are to contend and put down by the help and grace of God. And we can not but begin at what we consider the beginning or the most colossal of all evils as it contributes to every other evil in the whole category—that is the evil of drunkness. I am submitting a statment from the minutes of the Gaston Baptist Association the author of which is unknown.

I. The Liquor Traffic: Arms more villians, breaks more laws, corrupts more officials, destroys more homes, engulfs more fortunes, fills more jails, grows more grey hairs, harrows more hearts, incites more crime, jeopardizes more lives, indles more strife, lacerates mroe feelings, maims more bodies, nails down more coffins, opens more graves, poisons more minds, quenches more songs raises more sobs, sells more virtue, tells more lies, undermines more young, violates more ethics, wrecks more men, incites more murders, yields more disgrace, kill more hopes than any enemy of mankind.

If this were some collosal beast doing all this devilment, I fancy the Army, the Navy, the Air Force and every other engine of war and destruction would be called out to put down forever this monster. But it seems our people are glad to have it so. Let us join hands with the "Allied Church League and every other agency devoted to the same cause, in putting down this colossal evil.

II. Another evil that should be approached from the Christian standpoint is the slaughter of our people on our highways. Your committee believes every preacher should show to his people just how criminal it is to go on our highways and operate an automotive vehicle in a careless and dangerous way. It is criminal. It is suicidal. Around 38,000 of our people are going out every year to meet God and little or nothing is being done about it.

III. Sabbath desecration is another outstanding evil, one that grows worse with every passing year. God thundered from Sinai's lightening lit top "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy". Today it is commercialized and made a day of sin and pleasure. It is said as the Sabbath goes so goes Christianity. If the observance of the Lord's day is an index to the Christianity it must be at a low ebb indeed.

IV. The laxity of parents in discipling children is growing into one of the colossal evils of our day. This should be the concern of pastor and laymen to show our people the awful consequences of this laxity which contributes largely to juvenile delinquency of which we hear so much in our day.

V. The near "Nudism" with which many of our young women appear on the streets and other public places your committee feels it is responsible for and contributes to another grevious sin of our time. That is the sin of fornication and adultry.. These sins are rampant. Just read very recently where 8,000 illegitimate babies were destroyed by the time or before they opened their eyes upon the light of day. We believe Nudism is responsible for many of the rape cases of which we read in our dailies every day. Our girls and women would do well to follow the advice of the colored preacher who urged his people to "Dress up and dress down". And thus remove the temptation from the opposite sex.

Respectfully submitted
E. V. Bumgarner

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

We are growing little by little each year in our stewardship lives. In 1954 we gained one hundred and seventeen persons in church membership. Five hundred and thirty in Vacation Bible School, seventy-eight in W. M. U. We have also increased in our giving thirteen thousand, nine hundred and twenty-nine dollars. This makes an avarage of six thousand four hundred forty-nine dollars and ninety-one cents per church per year and an average of thirty dollars and sixty-five cents per person per year.

We also lost twenty-one members in Training Union. Which reminds us that our Stewardship task is far from finished. We must go on with our program of stewardship teaching and enlistment, remembering that God's plan for the salvation of a lost world depends on the faithful stewardship of individual Christians.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Warren Keller

Linney's Grove Baptist Church, located about six and one half miles north of Hiddenite, near the Copeland Linney old home place was organized on October 2nd, 1895, by a Presbytery composed of Reverends W. J. Hopkins, D. W. Poole, A. H. Goodin, and L. P. Gwaltney.

Pastors serving this church: Rev. J. P. Gwaltney, from organization to September 16, 1899. Rev. W. T. Comer, September 16, 1899, to October 20, 1901. Rev. J. P. Gwaltney, October 20, 1901 to September 1908. Rev. T. E. Redman, September 1909 to January 1911. Rev. J. P. Gwaltney, February 1911 to November 25, 1911. Rev. W. T. Comer, November 25, 1911 to October 1915. Rev. J. W. Watts, October 16, 1915 to January 1919. Rev. J. P. and L. P. Gwaltney, January 1919 to August 1919. Rev. T. E. Payne, August 25, 1919 to August 1924. Rev. A. E. Watts, November 1924 to January 1927. Rev. Grady D. White, January 1927 to July 1939. Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, July 1939 to September 18, 1949. Rev. A. E. Watts, November 1949 to September 3, 1950. Rev. S. D. Baker, September 3, 1950 to March 25, 1951. Rev. John Wells, March 25, 1951 to September 1952. Rev. Iredell Osborne, October 19, 1952 to October 2, 1955.

Charter members bringing letters from surrounding churches were: E. J. Hendren, J. P. Gwaltney, L. P. Gwaltney, C. J. Gwaltney, J. J. Hendren, J. F. McLain, Wm Bowles, Sr., Lee A. Bowles, J. P. Hendren, Adam Troutman, J. F. Bowles, J. A. L. Campbell, John Shoemaker, S. A. Shoemaker, S. L. Shoemaker, N. M. Shoemaker, M. A. Shoemaker, Louisa Lackey, Mattie Gwaltney, S. Miranda Gwaltney, A. Ovella Gwaltney, Anna Gwaltney, S. P. Hendren, Henrietta E. Hendren, M. J. E. Hendren, C. A. Hendren, Jno. C. McLain, Cansada Bowles, Isabell Bowles, Nettie E. Hendren, Mary A. Troutman, Lucy Shoemaker, and Emma Shoemaker.

Clerks who have served this church:—J. H. Hendren, October 2, 1895 to July 15, 1899, (first clerk). J. F. Baker, July 15, 1899 to October 19, 1935. Lois Gwaltney, October 19, 1935 to April 18, 1936. Edgar Tedder, April 18, 1936 to October 25, 1941. S. D. Gwalt- October 19, 1952 to September 23, 1953. Mrs. E. F. Millsaps, Sepney, March 10, 1947 to September 28, 1952. Winona Gwaltney, tember 23, 1953 to the present.

The first church building was frame, the present building, built in 1953, is brick-veneer. Many of us remember the Arbor that stood between the church and cemetery in which there were some grand preaching, wonderful singing and marvelous movement of the Holy Spirit among the people.

Ministers that have gone out from this church are: Rev. W. E. Linney, Rev. Howard Ford and Rev. Clarence Gwaltney.

Since it's organization at Macedonia in 1887 the Alexander Baptist Association has met at this church three times before this: 1899, 1912 and 1939.

It was at the meeting in 1912 that the Association voted to sell "that property located in the town of Taylorsville known as the United Baptist Institute" to the Board of Education for the sum of $1,000.

Chas. E. Echerd Historian

This October 12, 1955.

HIDDENITE BAPTIST CHURCH

Hiddenite Baptist church was organized Sunday, June 20, 1915. The presbytery was composed of the following brethern: L. P. Gwaltney, J. P. Gwaltney, R. Lee Davis, assisted by the following deacons of Sulphur Springs church: brethern W. M. Lackey and B. F. Patterson.

The church is located in the village of Hiddenite, Alexander County, N. C.

The charter members at this organization were as follows: from Sulphur Springs church, J. B. Leach, Winnie Leach, J. C. Thomas, Mrs. Maggie Thomas, Lucy Thomas, Willie Thomas, T. M. Kerley, Mrs. M. A. Kerley, V. C. Kerley, S. F. Cook, Mrs. S. F. Cook, J. S. Lucas, R. L. Mayberry, L. P. Williams, Dewey Warren, J F. Moore, Mrs. Pearl Moore; From Bethel church, S. P. Williams, Mrs. S. P. Williams, Bonnie Williams, Delsie Williams; and Mrs. S. E. Lucas pending a letter from Baptist church, Blacksburg, S. C. At the organization brethern J. C. Thomas and S. F. Cook were elected deacons.

Pastors: Rev. L. P. Gwaltney, four years, Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, seven years, Rev. J. Ben Eller, supply, one year, Rev. W. E. Linney, one year, Rev. Chas. C. Holland, ten years, Rev. Jimmy Hayes, supply for short time, Rev. J. D. Whisnant two years, Rev. Homer L. Good, six years Rev. J. L. Wells, two years, Rev. Ivy Couch, one year, Rev. Odell W. Pully, one year. Present pastor Rev. Maurice Gilliam.

Clerks: R. Lee Davis, J. B. Leach, J. W. Hendren, D. Fred Milstead, Glenn Gooden and present clerk, Gerald Goble.

For a long while this congregation used the old Hiddenite school building as a church. In 1929 a neat brick church building was completed, consisting of auditorium and four Sunday School rooms. Then in 1947 a splendid educational plant was added to the rear of the church, with heating facilities and modern conveniences.

Chas. E. Echerd, Historian.

IN MEMORIAM

Antioch—Mrs. Charlie Meadlock, Mrs. Willie Montgomery, Mr. David Teague.

Bethany—Mrs. Dora Childers

Bethlehem—Mrs. Howard Fox, Mrs. Julia Honeycutt.

Beulah—Mrs. Annie E. Brookshire.

Hiddenite—Mrs. Clifford Hines Mrs. Monroe Kerley

Liledoun—Mrs. W. S. Teague, Mr. Charlie Brown, Mrs. Chester Smith.

Linney's Grove—Mrs. Edith Gwaltney.

Little River—Mr. D. L. Orren, Mrs. Lum Deal.

Oxford Memorial—Mrs. Rose Haney

Pleasant Hill—Mr. Howard Daniels.

Poplar Springs—Mr. Brank Pennell, Mr. Thomas J. Crouch.

Smyrna—Mrs. Carroll Huffman

Stony Point—Mr. Jonah Cowart, Mr. A. F. Ball, Josephine Moose.

Taylorsville East—Edd Hicks.

Taylorsville First—Mr. Thad H. Echerd, Mr. O. F. Pool, Dr. M. B. Wallace.

TABLE I. CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

Association Alexander State North Carolina

For Year Ending (Month) September 19 55

Clerk Rev. W. O. Warren Address Hiddenite, N. C.

Moderator Rev. A. E. Watts Address Taylorsville, N. C.

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Date of Meeting		Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Number Jews Baptized	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	Every Member Canvass	State Paper in Budget	No. Missions Supported by Church	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor or not)
Antioch	R	1826	all	J. R. Lail, Taylorsville, Rt 2	23	12	8	307	77	384	0	2	25	no	yes	0	4,050.
Bethany	R	1892	3	Clate Brown, Wilkesboro	0	0	2	76	60	136	0	1	12	no	no	0	555.
Bethlehem	R	1871	all	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville	20	4	7	...	..	347	0	2	...	no	no	0	3,708.
Beulah	T	1916	all	Oscar C. Tucker, Taylorsville	14	8	2	78	15	93	0	2	0	no	no	0	1,991.
Calvary	T	....	all	Henkle Little, Stony Point	13	21	0	122	13	145	0	3	20	...	...	...	3,120.
Damascus	R	1839	2,4	Irvin Wallace, Harmony Rt 2	1	1	1	127	50	177	0	1	...	no	no	0	827.
Hiddenite	V	1915	all	Maurice H. Gilliam, Hiddenite	7	7	12	124	44	168	0	2	60	no	no	0	3,640.
Lebanon	R	1884	1,3	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville,Rt.3	1	5	1	93	5	98	0	1	...	no	no	0	900.
Liledoun	V	1906	all	J. A. Isenhour, Hiddenite	10	2	10	...	..	335	0	2	...	yes	no	0	4,012.
Linney's Grove	R	1895	2	Irvin Wallace, Harmony Rt 2	4	2	1	...	..	142	0	1	...	no	no	0	643.
Little River	R	1792	1,3	Herman Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt2	4	0	9	164	8	172	0	2	...	no	...	...	818.
Macedonia	R	1840	all	W. O. Warren, Hiddenite	5	4	1	150	50	209	0	1	...	...	...	...	2,860.
Millersville	V	....	1,3	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville	2	3	6	...	..	61	0	2	...	no	no	0	1,685.
Mt. Herman	R	1912	2,3,4	Herman Johnson, Taylorsville,Rt 2.	4	4	2	...	..	225	0	2	5	yes	no	0	1,500.
Oxford Memorial	R	1942	1,3	S. I. Watts, Boomer	4	..	5	83	32	115	0	2	...	no	...	...	617.
Pilgrim	R	1837	1,3	T. M. Luffman, Jonesville	5	1	6	...	..	253	0	1	...	...	...	...	545.
Pleasant Hill	R	1852	1,3	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville,Rt 2	8	5	16	181	50	231	.	1	...	...	...	...	600.
Poplar Springs	R	1872	2,4	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville,Rt 2	10	2	8	...	..	199	0	2	...	no	no	...	1,040.
Smyrna	R	1923	all	W. Gordon Wilson, Taylorsville, Rt2	4	1	21	73	29	102	.	2	...	no	yes	0	2,176.
Stony Point	T	1909	all	Homer L. Good, Stony Point	42	7	15	489	75	664	0	2	50	...	yes	0	5,200.
Taylorsville, East	T	1924	all	R. Love Dixon, Taylorsville	12	10	19	467	30	497	0	2	...	...	...	...	4,690.
Taylorsville, First	T	1851	all	David C. Boaz, Taylorsville	9	30	18	449	158	607	0	2	100	no	yes	0	4,800.
Totals					202	129	170	2983	696	5260	...	38	272	...	...	...	49967

TABLE V. BROTHERHOOD WORK-BUILDING-GOALS-CHURCH LIBRARY-CHURCH MUSIC-VISUAL EDUCATION

Association Alexander State North Carolina

For Year Ending (Month) September 19 55

Associational Brotherhood President A. D. Lindsey

Address Stony Point

CHURCHES	Presidents of Men's Brotherhoods	BROTHERHOOD								BUILDING			GOALS		CHURCH LIBRARY	CHURCH MUSIC				VISUAL EDUCATION		
		Men's Brotherhood Enrolment	No. Meetings Held	Young Men's Brotherhood Enrolment	No. Meetings Held	R. A. Enrolment	No. Meetings Held	Total Brotherhood Enrolment	No. Meetings Held	Value Pastor's Home	Value of Church Property Including Pastor's Home	Total Church Debt at End of Year	Goal Cooperative Program Coming Year	Goal Association missions coming Year	Does your church have a library?	Church Had Music Training Course	Number Choirs	Total Choir Enrolment	Music Budget	Use Church Musician Magazine	Film-strip Projector	Motion Picture Projector
Antioch		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12,000	100,000	9,237	0	0	no	no	1	30	...	no	no	no
Bethany		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	....	..	...	..	...	..	...	..
Bethlehem	Noah Lail, Granite Falls, Rt 1	21	12	0	0	18	20	39	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	....	..	...	..	...	..	...	..
Beulah	Barney Gant, Taylorsville	8	4	.	.	17	37	25	41	.....	.....	none	.....	...	no	no	1	..	...	no	no	no
Calvary		....	..	.	.	....	....	....	....	.....	5,000	none	.....	...	no	no	2	40	0	no	no	no
Damascus		....	..	.	.	....	....	....	....	.....	4,500	none	.....	...	no	no	1	..	...	no	no	no
Hiddenite		....	..	.	.	15	....	....	....	7,000	26,000	none	.....	...	yes	no	1	15	0	no	no	no
Lebanon		....	..	.	.	....	....	....	....	.....	20,000	.....	.....	...	yes	no	1	15	0	no	no	no
Liledoun	Avery Fox, Taylorsville	16	12	.	.	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	no	no	1	25	0	no	no	no
Linney's Grove		....	..	.	.	....	....	....	....	.....	35,000	.....	.....	...	no	no	2	..	...	no	no	no
Little River		....	..	.	.	....	....	....	....	.....	12,000	1,100	.....	...	no	no	1	17	0	no	no	no
Macedonia		....	..	.	.	....	....	....	....	.....	20,000	.....	.....	...	no	..	...	..	...	..	no	no
Millersville		....	..	.	.	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	none	.....	...	yes	no	1	..	...	no	no	no
Mt. Herman		....	..	.	.	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	...	..	...	..	...	..	...	..
Oxford Memorial		....	..	.	.	....	....	....	....	.....	10,000	4,484	.....	...	no	no	2	40	0	no	no	no
Pilgrim		....	..	.	.	....	....	....	....	.....	15,000	.....	.....	...	...	..	1	..	...	..	no	no
Pleasant Hill		....	..	.	.	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	yes	no	1	..	...	no	no	no
Poplar Springs		....	..	.	.	....	....	....	....	.....	12,000	none	.....	...	no	no	1	..	...	no	no	no
Smyrna		13	6	.	.	...	...	13	6	10,000	30,000	1,640	.....	...	no	..	...	..	...	..	no	no
Stony Point	A. E. Oliver, Stony Point	28	12	.	.	40	52	68	64	10,000	98,000	14,500	.....	...	yes	..	4	95	0	no	yes	no
Taylorsville, East	Donald Oxford, Taylorsville, Rt 3	37	..	.	.	26	...	63	...	8,000	62,000	.....	.....	...	yes	no	...	..	...	no	no	no
Taylorsville, First		30	3	.	.	23	4	53	7	15,000	165,000	none	1,800	...	no	no	3	75	130	no	yes	no
Totals		153	49	...	..	139	113	261	148	62,000	689,500	31,850	1,800	...	...	..	25	352	130	..	...	..

TABLE III. TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTOR Mrs. Earl Teague TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Mission Enrolment	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Antioch	Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, Taylorsville	7	12	20	28	22	10	30	0	6	135	90
Hiddenite	Marcella Hines, Hiddenite	..	5	6	14	13	8	20	..	2	68	50
Linney's Grove	Winona Gwaltney, Hiddenite	..	4	5	12	15	5	22	..	..	63	18
Smyrna	Billy N. Killian, Taylorsville	..	..	8	8	7	9	8	..	7	47	16
Stony Point	Jackie Steele, Stony Point	0	0	28	27	29	14	20	0	3	121	..
Taylorsville, East	Conley Pennell, Taylorsville	4	0	18	19	27	14	36	..	5	123	56
Taylorsville, First	N. W. Blaylock, Taylorsville	0	0	11	28	21	6	17	..	4	87	64
Totals		11	21	96	136	134	66	153	0	27	664	294

TABLE IV. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL PRESIDENT Miss Evelyn Keller PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers All Organizations
Antioch	Mrs. Estelle Meadlock, Taylorsville, Rt 1	1	2	1	.	4	12	18	10	0	40	16
Bethlehem	Mrs. Clyde Carrigan, Taylorsville, Rt 1	1	1	2	2	6	27	12	15	38	92	0
Beulah	Mrs. Stella Brown, Taylorsville, General Delivery	1	.	1	1	3	15	..	19	21	55	0
Hiddenite	Mrs. Marvin Childers, Hiddenite, Rt 2	2	1	1	2	6	44	13	13	37	107	35
Liledoun	Mrs. Lucille Jenkins, Taylorsville, Rt 2	1	.	.	.	1	24	..	..	..	34	..
Stony Point	Mrs. Leahman Keen, Stony Point	3	1	2	1	7	63	12	30	49	154	..
Taylorsville, East	Mrs. Conley Pennell, Taylorsville	..	1	.	.	.	58	11	24	24	117	40
Taylorsville, First	Miss Lucy Echerd, Taylorsville	1	1	2	1	7	86	8	23	18	156	45
Totals		10	6	9	7	34	329	74	134	187	745	136

TABLE 11. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	Extension Department	Officers not counted Classes and Depts.	Grand Total Sunday Scholl Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance V.B.S.	January Bible Study	Number Training Schools
Antioch	Wayne R. Austin, Taylorsville, Rt 2	0	18	34	40	51	40	38	162	..	6	383	232	131	118	no	0
Bethany	Herman Moore, Moravian Falls, Rt 1	0	0	19	..	7	..	26	30	..	..	82	50	...	...	...	.
Bethlehem	Howard Teague, Taylorsville, Rt 1	0	10	22	21	19	20	15	27	..	..	192	134	...	...	no	0
Beulah	Raymond Harrington, Taylorsville	0	0	10	0	30	10	27	23	..	..	100	63	...	...	yes	.
Calvary	Wade Tedder, Taylorsville	0	0	18	24	20	37	24	49	11	..	183	113	...	...	no	.
Damascus	Dwight Johnson, Hiddenite, Rt 2	0	2	4	9	10	4	12	47	..	..	87	51	38	33	no	0
Hiddenite	R. M. Grant, Taylorsville, Rt 3	3	10	8	9	16	14	17	66	9	2	154	105	115	104	yes	0
Lebanon	C. D. Poole, Taylorsville, Rt 4	0	4	10	6	11	12	15	...	..	..	65	45	...	...	...	.
Liledoun	Arthur Jenkins, Taylorsville, Rt 2	.	..	32	32	34	30	42	93	..	..	265	230	110	105	...	.
Linney's Grove	Fred Hendren, Hiddenite	.	..	12	13	17	16	55	64	..	..	156	132	...	...	no	0
Little River	Joe McDuffie, Taylorsville, Rt 4	.	..	16	18	17	11	21	43	..	..	120	81	...	...	no	0
Macedonia	Clyde Mecimore, Taylorsville, Rt 1	.	..	20	20	..	17	30	33	..	..	120	90	...	...	...	.
Millersville	G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville	.	..	15	..	12	14	8	27	..	..	76	38	...	...	no	0
Mt. Herman	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt 2	.	11	22	25	20	20	20	85	..	..	205	144	116	112	...	.
Oxford Memorial	Clifford Haney, Lenoir, Rt.2	0	0	15	20	12	25	18	30	..	4	124	79	...	...	no	0
Pilgrim	Paul Mayberry, New Hope, Rt 1	0	0	13	8	15	15	24	71	..	..	146	108	...	...	no	0
Pleasant Hill	Walter Harrington, Taylorsville, Rt	.	..	29	16	21	10	28	56	..	3	163	...	...	...	no	0
Poplar Springs	Earl Robinette, Taylorsville, Rt 4	.	4	15	15	18	15	22	30	..	..	125	100	...	...	no	0
Smyrna	Glenn E. Lail, Taylorsville, Rt 1	.	12	10	17	11	6	30	31	..	3	119	85	53	47	yes	3
Stony Point	A. D. Lindsey, Stony Point	.	34	24	41	50	42	43	247	..	7	509	285	175	155	yes	0
Taylorsville, East	Edd K. Elliot, Taylorsville	.	14	33	37	57	46	30	135	..	5	373	207	168	109	yes	1
Taylorsville, First	David C. Campbell, Taylorsville	10	34	20	39	55	44	22	171	10	6	411	251	132	122	no	1
Totals		13	153	401	410	503	437	567	1520	30	36	4158	2623	1038	905	...	5

TABLE VI. TOTAL GIFTS AND LOCAL EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER Otha Warren, Hiddenite TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Total Gifts for All Purposes	Total Salaries (Do Not Include Pastor's Salary Here)	Maintenance, Insurance, Repair, etc.	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)	Grand Total Local Expense
Antioch	Dewey P. Austin, Taylorsville, Rt 2	11,432	300	241	13,723	775	241	192	762	782	17,020	4,050	21,070
Bethany	Mrs. Zenna B. Hendren, Moravian Falls	1,346	....	.....	97	46	21	116	.....	100	382	555	938
Bethlehem	Kern Davis, Granite Falls, Rt 1	9,117	432	605	.....	255	670	200	2,016	339	4,519	3,708	8,228
Beulah	Mrs. Barney Gant, Taylorsville	3,195	120	422	.....	88	18	158	.....	24	931	1,991	2,923
Calvary	Mrs. Nay Brookshire	5,010	120	126	290	86	55	214	.....	393	1,286	3,120	4,406
Damascus	Maggie McLain, Statesville, Rt 2	1,363	....	61	.....	35	58	110	.....	22	286	827	1,114
Hiddenite	D. L. Kerley, Hiddenite	7,766	....	818	.....	425	120	415	.....	666	2,446	3,155	5,601
Lebanon	Peggy Fortner, Taylorsville, Rt 4	336	....	208	703	52	40	88	.....	38	1,130	900	2,030
Liledoun	Vance Stafford, Taylorsville	17,529	260	260	.....	271	.....	260	.....	2,017	3,068	4,012	7,081
Linney's Grove	L. A. Childers, Hiddenite, Rt 1	.....	....	35	135	.....	59	126	80	169	605	643	1,248
Little River	Nellde Ann Rodgers, Taylorsville	3,690	....	383	1,072	129	49	93	815	58	2,552	818	3,371
Macedonia	Conrad Fox, Taylorsville, Rt 1	6,876	218	672	2,233	71	.....	238	.....	175	3,608	2,860	6,468
Millersville	J. Ben Thompson, Taylorsville	2,343	75	.....	.....	77	.....	104	.....	84	340	1,685	2,026
Mt. Herman	Willie D. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt 2	.....	240	211	.....	27	25	299	.....	231	1,034	1,500	2,594
Oxford Memorial	Odell Reid, Lenoir, Rt 2	.....	....	45	.....	93	200	120	1,067	678	2,159	617	2,777
Pilgrim	Waitsel B. Johnson, Hiddenite, Rt 1	.....	....	254	2,077	42	.....	101	.....	485	2,962	545	3,507
Pleasant Hill	Walter Harrington, Taylorsville, Rt 3	.....	84	171	433	120	60	145	.....	375	1,391	650	2,041
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt 4	.....	....	138	.....	58	255	260	350	240	1,303	1,040	2,343
Smyrna	Marshall Fox, Taylorsville, Rt 1	9,378	....	258	118	378	219	435	1,805	220	3,435	2,176	5,612
Stony Point	Howard Norton, Stony Point	.....	3,475	4,559	104	2,107	113	480	2,753	.....	13,593	5,200	18,793
Taylorsville, East	Glenn O. Davis, Taylorsville, Rt 1	15,090	728	831	164	807	55	674	.....	1,323	4,585	4,680	9,265
Taylorsville, First	James B. Farthing, Taylorsville	28,126	1,697	2,432	2,288	1,323	1,574	605	9,860	734	20,516	4,800	25,316
Totals		122,597	7,749	12,730	23,437	7,265	3,832	5,433	19,508	9,153	89,151	49,532	138,752

TABLE VII. MISSION EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Other objects Relief and Annuity, etc.	Total Mission Expenditures	Grand Total Expenditures for All Purposes
Antioch	Warren Keller, Taylorsville, Rt. 1	638	0	54	62	129	168	256	107	47	1,463	22,533
Bethany	Junior D. Costner, Moravian Falls, Rt. 1	...	..	..	...	50	...	102	25	...	188	1,127
Bethlehem	Ray Sherrill, Granite Falls, Rt. 1	220	0	84	84	164	...	238	...	97	889	9,117
Beulah	Mrs. Robert Settlemeyer, Taylorsville	54	..	..	...	11	...	6	...	93	165	3,688
Calvary	Mrs. Nay Brookshire, Taylorsville, Rt.1	3	..	..	...	...	...	...	5	15	23	4,430
Damascus	Maggie McLain, Statesville, Rt. 2	...	..	..	32	86	0	104	...	...	223	1,337
Hiddenite	Gerald Goble, Hiddenite	74	..	149	304	259	10	648	141	...	1,586	7,187
Lebanon	Mrs. James H. Watts, Taylorsville, Rt. 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	203	...	92	296	2,326
Liledoun	Devon Dyson, Taylorsville, Rt. 2	0	0	10	25	148	...	185	183	36	589	12,670
Linney's Grove	Mrs. E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	12	129	167	1,416
Little River	Edwin L. Teague, Taylorsville, Rt. 4	232	..	..	...	17	...	47	...	...	298	3,670
Macedonia	Mrs. Kermit Patterson, Stony Point	0	..	58	0	0	0	30	...	10	98	6,566
Millersville	G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville, Rt. 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	40	60	2,086
Mt. Herman	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt. 2	0	0	0	0	230	...	407	138	...	775	3,293
Oxford Memorial	Mrs. Elva Reid, Lenoir, Rt. 2.	0	0	0	0	0	0	140	11	8	33	1,992
Pilgrim	D. C. Johnson, Statesville, Rt. 2.	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	...	21	57	3,565
Pleasant Hill	Artie Sue Tevepaugh, Taylorsville, Rt. 3	0	0	0	0	63	...	45	50	9	169	2,210
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt. 4	0	0	0	78	100	...	164	28	55	425	2,769
Smyrna	Waitsel Cline, Taylorsville, Rt. 1	459	..	39	10	10	...	216	30	...	765	6,378
Stony Point	Vance Stikeleather, Stony Point.	1,225	56	125	241	738	...	1,011	125	...	3,521	22,314
Taylorsville, East.	Mrs. R. L. Dixon, Taylorsville.	1,650	0	44	186	214	...	168	31	68	2,364	11,630
Taylorsville, First	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	1,924	..	180	123	284	300	517	493	57	3,891	29,207
Totals		6,479	56	743	1,145	2,503	478	4,422	1,399	777	18,045	160,911

HISTORICAL TABLE

YEAR	WHERE HELD	PREACHER	MODERATOR	CLERK
1887	Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1888	Antioch	J. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1889	Bethel	J. B. Poole	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1890	Concord	D. W. Poole	L. P. Gwaltney	T. A. Hudson
1891	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1892	Taylorsville	W. J. Bumgarner	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1893	Bethlehem	J. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1894	Mt. Olive	J. M. Shaver	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1895	Pleasant Hill	C. Durham	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1896	Pilgrim	D. W. Poole	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1897	Sulphur Springs	J. A. White	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1898	Little River	L. P. Gwaltney	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1899	Linney's Grove	J. J. Reach	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1900	Lebanon	D. W. Poole	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1901	Three Forks	R. L. Davis	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1902	Taylor Springs	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1903	Poplar Springs	R. L. Davis	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1904	Macedonia	O. A. Keller	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1905	Antioch	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1906	Bethel	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1907	Bethlehem	R. Lee Davis	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1908	Concord	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1909	Damascus	J. M. Shaver	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Pool
1910	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1911	Lebanon	J. M. Shaver	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1912	Linney's Grove	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1913	Taylorsville	Lloyd Teague	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1914	Stony Point	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1915	Mt. Olive	D. W. Pool	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1916	Pilgrim	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1917	Mt. Herman	E. V. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1918			J. W. Watts	
1919	Sulphur Springs	B. F. Austin	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1920	Three Forks	T. H. Williams	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1921	Taylor Springs	T. E. Payne	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1922	Macedonia	L. E. Barnes	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1923	Bethany	J. W. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1924	Concord	J. S. Stephenson	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1925	Taylorsville	J. M. McAlpine	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1926	Antioch		J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1927	Mt. Olive	J. H. Boggs	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1928	Pleasant Grove	J. W. Rash	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1929	Mt. Hebron	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1930	White Plains	C. C. Holland	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1931	Pleasant Hill	J. L. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1932	Sulphur Springs	S. I. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1933	Macedonia	A. T. Howell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1934	Little River	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1935	Hiddenite	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1936	Fairview	F. A. Pennell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1937	Taylorsville, East	Lee James	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1938	Three Forks	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1939	Linney's Grove	C. C. Holland	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1940	Bethlehem	T. L. Blalock	A. E. Watts	G. L. Chatham
1941	Pilgrim	J. C. Gwaltney	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1942	Antioch	E. C. Shoe	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1943	Damascus	E. V. Bumgarner	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1944	Taylorsville, First	H. L. Good	E. C. Shoe	W. C. Grose
1945	Stony Point	Howard J. Ford	E. C. Shoe	Homer L. Good
1946	Damascus	E. C. Shoe	A. C. Payne	Homer L. Good
	Three Forks			
1947	Taylorsville, East	A. E. Watts	A. C. Payne	Homer L. Good
	Taylor Springs			
1948	Poplar Springs	A. B. Bumgarner	H. L. Good	W. W. Harrington
	Bethel			
1949	Antioch	W. O. Johnson	E. V. Bumgarner	W. W. Harrington
	Hiddenite			
1950	Liledoun	J. A. Icenhour	A. B. Bumgarner	J. L. Wells
	Mt. Herman			
1951	Stony Point	J. L. Wells	H. L. Good	J. L. Wells
	Taylorsville, East			
1952	Taylorsville, First	J. R. Lail	H. L. Good	J. L. Wells
	Smyrna			
1953	Pleasant Hill	David C. Boaz	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Bethlehem			
1954	Pilgrim	Herman Johnson	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Little River			
1955	Linney's Grove	R. L. Dixon	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Hiddenite			

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Constitution

Article 1. This union shall be known as Alexander Baptist Association.

Article 2. Its objects shall be the promotion of God's Kingdom in the hearts of men.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 3. It shall be composed of delegates elected by churches connected with this body, not more than three delegates from each church annually, and all ordained ministers, who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches.

POWERS AND PREROGRATIVES

Article 4. The Association may advice the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but cannot bind them in any way.

Article 5. As constituent members of the Association, the churches shall have the right to advise when desired in the case of difficulty, and to suggest plans for usefulness to be adopted.

Article 6. The expenses of the body shall be defrayed by annual voluntary contributions from the churches, sent by the delegates for that purpose .

Article 7. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes heterodox in doctrine or disorderly in practice.

GOVERNMENT

Article 8. A majority of the enrolled members at each session of the body shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article 9. Every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present.

Article 10. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Historian, who shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Association, as the first order of business, at the evening session of the first day, and shall continue in office until the next annual election.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meetings of the body punctually at the time appointed, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage.

Article 12. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the body, and superintend the printing and distributing of the same. He shall also keep three distinct files of the printed minutes, and have them bound at the order of the Association.

Article 13. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds connected with the work of the Association as directed by the body, and to make an annual statement of the same.

Article 14. It shall be the duty of the Historian to prepare for publication in the minutes a historical sketch of the session, and of the church with which it is held, and other facts of present and past history.

Article 15. To facilitate the transaction of business of the body, the Moderator shall at the beginning of the session, apoint committees of three members each on (1) nominations, (2) program, (3) time, place and preacher, (4) Digest of Church Letters and (5) resolutions, whose work shall be reported to the body for adoption.

Article 16. It shall be the duty of the committee on nominations to nominate officers of the association for the next year and to name messengers to other associations, and in its discretion to State and Southern Baptist Convention.

Article 17. It shall be the duty of the committee on time, place and preacher to select the place of the next annual meeting of the association, to fix the time, and name the preacher and alternate preach the annual sermon.

Article 19. It shall be the duty of the committee on the digest of Church letters to gather and tabulate the contents of the same for the information of the Churches.

Article 20. It shall be the duty of the committee on resolutions to prepare and propose to the association resolutions of appreciation to the hostess church and to consider any letters or other matters referred to it by the moderator.

Article 21. The Association shall have an executive committee composed of the moderator, vice-moderator, clerk-treasurer, historian, chairman of the program committee, Associational Brotherhood president, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Associational Woman's Missionary Union President and Associational Training Union Director. The moderator will be the chairman of this committee and will call such meetings as are necessary to plan and carry out the work of the association between sessions.

Article 22. This constitution may be altered at any regular session, a majority of the members present concurring.

Officers And Committees

Moderator, A. E. Watts ..... Taylorsville
Vice-Moderator, W. O. Johnson ..... Route 2, Taylorsville
Clerk-Treasurer, W. O. Warren ..... Hiddenite
Historian, Charles E. Echerd ..... Taylorsville
B. T. U. Director, Mrs. Earl Teague ..... Route 2, Taylorsville
W. M. U. Superintendent, Miss Evelyn Keller ..... Taylorsville
Asso. Brotherhood President, A. D. Lindsey ..... Stony Point

Training Union Officers and Department Leaders

Associate Director, Earl Teague ..... Route2, Taylorsville
Secretary-Treasurer, Ethel Mae Goble ..... Hiddenite
Adult Leader, Mrs. Butler Chapman ..... Taylorsville
Young People, Miss Faye Teague .....Route 2, Taylorsville
Intermediates, Mrs. Estelle Meadlock ..... Route 2, Taylorsville
Juniors, Mrs. Warren Keller ..... Taylorsville
Primary, Mrs. Jack Beaver ..... Route 2, Hiddenite
Nursery-Beginners, Mrs. Fay Yoder ..... Taylorsville
Choister, D. C. Boaz, Jr. ..... Taylorsville
Pianist, Miss Rebecca Hammer ..... Stony Point
Pastor-Advisor, Rev. David C. Boaz ..... Taylorsville

Committees

Nominations—Rev. H. L. Good, Mrs. U. L. Hafer and James Teague.
Program—Rev. Maurice Gilliam, Henry Gilliland, Mrs. L. W. Davis.
Resolutions—Rev. J. R. Lail, Mrs. Paul Ingram, Mrs. W. R. Adams.
Orphanage Representative ..... Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville
Hospital Representative ..... Earl Teague, Taylorsville
Sunday School Superintendent ..... Edd K. Elliott, Taylorsville
Evangelism ..... Maurice Gilliam, Hiddenite

List Of Messengers

Antioch—Walter Milstead, Mrs. Warren Keller, Mrs. Earl Teague.

Bethlehem—Ray Sherrill, T. B. Wagner, Fred Teague.

Beulah—Escar Bowman, Robert Settlemire, H. L. McDuffie.

Calvary—Mrs. Nay Brookshire, Mrs. T. W. Watts, Dwight Warren, Mrs. Mary Tedder.

Damascus—W. C. Martin, R. A. Wilson, Dwight, Johnson, Miss Mattie Wilson.

Hiddenite—J. T. Goble, Mrs. W. R. Adams, Mrs. D. L. Kerley.

Lebanon—Mrs. James Watts, Mrs. Curlee Chapman, Mrs. Harold Fortner.

Liledoun—Paul McAlpine, Ernest Jenkins, O. C. Dyson.

Linneys Grove—Mrs. E. F. Millsaps, Jay Gwaltney, Pleas McLain, Fred Hendren.

Little River—Edwin Teague, Mrs. Charlie Childers, Mrs. D. B. Chapman.

Macedonia—Mrs. Paul Ingram, Mrs. Phyllis Stafford, Mrs. Coie Icenhour, Mrs. J. L. Ingram, Mrs. C. E.Mahaffey.

Millersville—G. S. Hampton, Ben Thompson, Pervie Fox.

Mt. Herman—P. E. Johnson, Clyde Teague, Mrs. Clara Hopson.

Oxford Memorial—Velva Pennell, Millard Brookshire, Jewel Brookshire.

Pilgrim—D. C. Johnson, Leslie Millsaps, Owen Jordon.

Pleasant Hill—Artie Sue Tevepaugh, Tommie Daniels, Walter Harrington.

Poplar Springs—Mrs. Roy Rogers, Dan Harrington, Morris Bumgarner, Russell Walker, Butler Chapman.

Smyrna—Mrs. Charlie Cline, Mrs. Glenn Lail, Troy Hedrick, Everette Teague.

Stony Point—J. P. Watts, Mrs. J. P. Watts, Mrs. Clyde Combs, Mrs. Elsie Alexander.

East Taylorsville—Homer Daniels, Mrs. Butler Chapman, Mrs. L. W. Davis, Mrs. Mack Bruce, Mrs. Bill James.

First Taylorsville—Mrs. U. L. Hafer, Rom Moose, Mrs. Arlie White.

Visitors

Rev. Zeb Caudle of Albemarle, Home For The Aging; Dr. E. L. Spivey of Raleigh; Rev. Fritz Hemphill of Hickory, Rev. A. B. Bumgarner of Wilmington, W. H. Spradling of the Training Union Department, D. P. Brooks of the Sunday School Department, C. G. Morris from the orphanage and R. M. Hauss from the Allied Church League.

October 17, 1956

LILEDOUN BAPTIST CHURCH

Mrs. Ruth Foy, Director of Music

Mrs. W. S. Goodson, Pianist

Wednesday Morning

10:00 Worship in Song
10:10 Reading of the Scripture and Prayer—Rev. Mack McCurdy
10:20—Roll Call of Churches, Recognition of Visitors, Adoption of program, Appointment of Committees.

INTO ALL THE WORLD THROUGH

10:35—Christian Education: David C. Boaz, report; Dr. Hoyt Blackwell speaker, president of Mars Hill College.
11:10—Ministry of Healing: Our Baptist Hospital, James R. Lail, report, Dr. Richard K. Young, speaker.
11:40—Worship in Song
11:45—Annual Sermon— Homer L. Good
12:15—Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon

1:30—Worship in Song
1:35—Reading of the Scripture and Prayer, Rev. James E. Porter
1:45—Christian Literature—Maurice H. Gilliam, report, Dr. L. L. Carpenter, speaker, Editor of Biblical Recorder.
2:15—Ministry to the Aged: North Carolina Baptist Homes—R. Love Dixon, report, James M. Hayes,, speaker Superintendent of N. C. Baptist Homes.
2:45—State Missions, J. A. Isenhour, report, Dr. E. L. Spivey, speaker
3:15—Miscellaneous Business, report of committees
3:30—Adjourn

Wednesday Night

Mount Herman Baptist Church

7:45—Worship in Song
7:55—Reading of the Scripture and Prayer, Rev. Gordon Wilson
8:05—Foreign Missions, W. M. U. Report, Miss Evelyn Keller, R. E. Gordon, Missionary to the Philippines
Adjourn

Thursday Morning, October 18th

Lebanon Baptist Church

10:00—Worship in Song
10:10—Reading of the Scripture and Prayer—Rev. Paul McAlpine
10:20—Vacation Bible School—David C. Boaz, report and speaker
10:50—Sunday School—Otto Johnson, report and speaker
11:15—Training Union—Mrs. Earl Teague, report and speaker
11:30—Worship in Song
11:40—Inspirational Message—Rev. R. Knolan Benfield, First Baptist Church, Hickory.
Recess

Thursday Afternoon

1:15—Worship in Song
1:20—Reading of the Scripture and Prayer—Rev. Hinkle Little
1:30—Orphanage, Jeffie Daniels, report; W. C. Reid, speaker Superintendent of Baptist Orphanage
2:00—Miscellaneous business, election of officers
2:15—Worship in Music
2:25—Allied Church League, Rev. R. M. Hauss
Adjourned

CHURCH DIRECTORY

ANTIOCH—Pastor, J. R. Lail, Route 2, Taylorsville; Clerk, Warren Keller, Route 1, Taylorsville; treasurer, Dewey Austin, Route 2, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, W. R. Austin, Route 2, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Mrs. Estelle Meadlock, Route 1, Taylorsville; T. U. Director, Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, Route 2, Taylorsville.

BETHLEHEM—Pastor Ivory Couch, Taylorsville R 1; Clerk, Ray Sherrill, Route 1, Granite Falls; Treasurer, Lee Bowman; Sunday School Superintendent, Ray Sherrill Route 1, Granite Falls; W. M. U. President, Mrs. Clyde Carrigan, Route 1, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Paul Stafford, Route 1, Taylorsville.

BEULAH—Pastor, Asa Kerley, Moravian Falls; Clerk, Henry L. McDuffie, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. Barnie Gantt, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Raymond Harrington, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Mrs. Barnie Gantt; Brotherhood President, Barnie Gantt.

CALVARY — Pastor, Henkle Little, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. Nay Brookshire, Route 1, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. Nay Brookshire, Route 1, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Darrell Fox, Taylorsville.

DAMASCUS—Pastor, Ervin Wallace, Route 2, Harmony; Clerk Mrs. R. A. Wilson, Route 2, Statesville; Treasurer, Mrs. R. A. Wilson, Route 2, Statesville.

HIDDENITE—Pastor, Maurice H. Gilliam, Hiddenite; Clerk, Gerald Goble, Hiddenite; Treasurer, Mrs. Davis Hendren, Route 2, Hiddenite; Sunday School Superintendent, R. M. Grant, Route 3, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Mrs. Marvin Childers, Route 2, Hiddenite; T. U. Director, Ethel Mae Goble, Route 2, Hiddenite; Music Director, Hugh Welborn, Statesville.

LEBANON—Pastor, Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. James Watts, Taylorsville Route 4; Treasurer, Miss Peggy Fortner, Route 4, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, C. D. Poole, Route 4, Taylorsville.

LILEDOUN—Pastor, J. A. Icenhour, Route 2, Hiddenite; Clerk, Devon Dyson, Route 2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Ernest Jenkins, Route 2, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Mrs. Devon Dyson, Route 2, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Odell Fox, Route 2, Taylorsville;Music Director, C. I. Chapman.

LINNEYS GROVE—Pastor, Irvin Wallace, Route 2, Harmony; Clerk, Mrs. E. F. Millsaps, Route 1, Hiddenite; Treasurer, L. A. Childers,, Route 1, Hiddenite.

LITTLE RIVER—Pastor, Wayne Hendren, Moravian Falls; Clerk, Edwin Teague, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Ann Rogers, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Joe McDuffy, Taylorsville.

MECEDONIA—Pastor, W. O. Warren, Hiddenite; Clerk, Mrs. Kermit Patterson, Stony Point; Treasurer, Conrad Fox, Route 1, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Porter Mauney, Taylorsville; Music Director, Redge Chapman, Taylorsville.

MILLERSVILLE—Pastor, Wade Rogers, Taylorsville, Clerk, G. S. Hampton, Taylorssville; Treasurer, Ben Thompson, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville.

MT. HERMAN—Pastor, Herman Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville; Clerk, P. E. Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Wayne McBride, Route 4, Taylorsville, P. E. Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Mrs. Edd McBride, Route 4, Taylorsville.

OXFORD MEMORIAL—Pastor F. V. Ellis, Granite Falls; Clerk, Mrs. Ward Pennell, Route 2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Pender Caldwell, Route 2, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Ward Pennell, Route 2, Taylorsville; T. U. Director, Mrs. Junior Barker, Route 2, Lenoir.

PILGRIM—Pastor,————; Clerk, D. C. Johnson, Route 2, Statesville; Treasurer, Leslie Millsaps, Route 1, Hiddenite; Sunday School Superintendent, Paul Mayberry, Route 1, Union Grove.

PLEASANT HILL—Pastor, W. O. Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville; Clerk, Arti Sue Tevepaugh, Route 3, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Walter Harrington, Route 3, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Walter Harrington, Route 3, Taylorsville.

POPLAR SPRINGS—Pastor, W. O. Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. Roy Rogers, Route 4, Taylorsville, Treasurer, Mrs. Roy Rogers, Route 4, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Morris Bumgarner, Route 2, Taylorsville.

SMYRNA—Pastor, Gordon Wilson, Route 1, Taylorsville; Clerk, Waitsell Cline, Route 1, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Marshall Fox, Route 1, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Wavery Bowman, Route 1, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Billy Killian, Route 1, Taylorsville.

STONY POINT—Pastor, H. L. Good, Stony Point; Clerk, Vance Stikeleather, Route 1, Stony Point; Treasurer, Howard Norton, Route 1, Stony Point; Sunday School Superintendent, A. D. Lindsay, Route 1, Stony Point; W. M. U. President, Mrs. A. L. Stikeleather, Route 1, Stony Point; T. U. Director, Dan Hammer, Stony Point; Brotherhood President, Thomas Norton, Stony Point; Music Director, Mrs. Ruth Foy, Stony Point.

TAYLORSVILLE, EAST—Pastor, R. L. Dixon, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. R. L. Dixon, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Glenn Davis, Route 1, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Edd K. Elliott, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Mrs. L. W. Davis, Route 3, Taylorsville; T. U. Director, Mrs. Butler Chapman, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Conley Pennell, Taylorsville; Music Director, Paul Rufty, Kannapolis.

TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST—Pastor, David C. Boaz, Taylorsville; Clerk, A. C. Payne, Taylorsville; Treasurer, James B. Farthing, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, David Campbell, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Miss Lucy Echerd, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Henkle Mills, Taylorsville, T. U. Director, N. W. Blalock, Taylorsville.

Proceedings

SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

October 17th and 18th, 1956

1. The Alexander Baptist Association convened in its Sixty-Ninth Annual Session with Liledoun Baptist Church, Wednesday, October 17th, at 10 a. m. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. A. E. Watts.

2. Mrs. Foy Director of Music of Stony Point Baptist Church led in singing "Are You Washed in the Blood"? Mrs. Foy was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Goodson.

3. The second selection was, "At The Cross".

4. In the absence of Rev. Mack McCurdy, Brother James E. Porter brought the morning devotion.

5. The Moderator called for a roll call of the churches at this time.

6 Brother Watts presented the program in the absence of Brother Good and it was adopted.

7. Visitors were recognized at this time—consisting of Brother Guy Cain, from Boone; Brother J. N. Binkley, also of Boone; Brother Blackwell of Mars Hill; Brother Young, of Baptist Hospital; James E. Porter, recognized as a new minister.

8. Committees were appointed at this time. They are listed elsewhere in the minutes.

9. Attention was called to our theme for the coming year—"Into All The World".

10. Brother Boaz gave his report on Christian Education and moved its adoption. Dr. Blackwell spoke to this report. (adopted).

11. Brother Lail gave the report on the Minister of Healing, and moved the adoption of the report. Brother Lail introduced Dr. Young who spoke to this report. The report was adopted.

12. The Moderator at this time recognized Rev. J. A. Icenhour, pastor of the host church.

13. Mrs. Foy led the congregation in singing "Blessed Assurance", accompanied by Mrs. Goodson.

14. Rev. H. L. Good preached the annual sermon, using Col. 1: 20 "Into All The World With His Blood".

15. The morning session was adjourned as Brother Boaz led in prayer including thanks for the food prepared by the host church.

Wednesday Afternoon

16. At 1:30 o'clock the association reconvened. Mrs. Foy led in singing "Standing On The Promises".

17. Devotion was led by Brother McCurdy.

18. The report on Christian literature was given by Brother Gilliam. He also moved adoption of this report and introduced Brother Carpenter who spoke to the report—(Adopted).

19. Brother Watts introduced Brother Cain, who said a few words concerning his work as a missionary.

20. In the absence of Brother Dixon, the clerk read the report on the "Homes For The Aged". Brother Watts moved it adoption and introduced Brother Caudle, who spoke to this report, (Adopted).

21. Brother Icenhour gave a report on State Missions, and moved the adoption of the report. Brother Spivey spoke to this report, (Adopted).

22. Brother Echard gave the history of Liledoun church.

23. Brother Echerd moved that a committee be appointed to see about the 1954 Associational Minutes, that the Association never received. The committee was to be appointed the next day.

24. Brother Sherrill led in prayer as the association adjourned to meet with Mt. Herman Baptist church for the night session.

Wednesday Night

25. Mrs. Foy led the congregation in singing, "I Love To Tell The Story" and "Rescue The Perishing". Mrs. Foy was accompanied at the piano by Rebecca Hammer.

26. Brother Otto Johnson led in the devotion.

27. At this time some corrections were made in the digest of church letters.

28. Miss Evelyn Keller gave the W. M. U. report and moved its adoption. Report adopted.

29. Brother Boaz voiced his approval and appreciation for Miss Kellers work with the W. M. U. He also introduced Brother Gordon a missionary.

30. Brother Gordon brought an inspiring message on the subject, "We would see Jesus". Using as a text, John 21

31. Brother Boaz voiced the closing prayer, and the session adjourned to meet the following day at Lebanon church.

Thursday Morning

32. The second days session began at 10:00 a. m., at Lebanon Baptist Church.

33. Mrs. Foy led the congregation in singing, "When I See The Blood", and "Down At The Cross".

34. Brother Paul McAlpine led in the morning devotion.

35. Digest of Church letters was passed out at this time.

36. A committee was appointed at this time to look into the matter concerning our 1954 Minutes and report on it as soon as possible (names listed elsewhere).

36. Brother Boaz gave the report on Vacation Bible School and moved the adoption of the report. Brother Boaz also spoke to this report.

37. Brother Lindsay gave the report on Brotherhood and moved the adoption of the report. Report adopted.

38. Mrs. Earl Teague gave the report on Training Union and moved the adoption of the report. Mrs. Teague spoke to this report. Report adopted.

39. Brother Boaz stated that help would be available in organizing a Training Union if desired.

40. Mrs. Foy led in singing "I Am Resolved".

41. Brother Otto Johnson gave the report on Sunday School and moved it be adopted. Brother Johnson spoke to this report. Report adopted.

42. At this time the pastor of the host church was recognized.

43. Mrs. Foy led in singing "Nothing But The Blood".

44. Brother Good at this time introduced Brother Benfield who brought the morning message, using as his topic "Go Ye Into all the World".

45. Brother Gilliam led in prayer and the session adjourned for lunch.

Thursday Afternoon

46. Mrs. Foy led in singing "Take The Name Of Jesus With You."

47. Brother Little led in the devotion for the afternoon session.

48. Visitors were recognized at this time. R. M. Hauss, C. J. Morris, W. H. Spralding, also a new pastor F. V. Ellis of Oxford Memorial Baptist Church.

49. Brother Daniels gave the Orphanage Report and moved its adoption. Brother Morris spoke to this report. Report adopted.

50. The Moderator recognized Brother Boaz, who introduced Brother Spralding, who spoke briefly on the work of the Training Union.

51. The Moderator asked for miscellaneous business. Brother Echerd made the motion, we draw maps to help direct people to our meetings. Brother Echerd was appointed to do this.

52. Brother Echerd gave the history of Lebanon Baptist Church.

53. At this time the following committees reported (Nominations and Resolutions, these reports were adopted. The report on Time, Place, and Preacher was not complete and no report was made.

54. Brother Good made the motion that we give Brother Brooks ten minutes of time. Brother Brooks spoke on the subject: "How Is The Bridge?"

55. Mrs. Foy led in singing "We Will Work 'Til Jesus Comes".

56. Brother Hauss brought a message concerning "The Allied Church League".

57. Brother Brooks led in the closing prayer and the sixty-ninth annual session came to a close.

Report On Resolutions

The Alexander Baptist Association meeting in annual session with Liledoun, Mt. Herman and Lebanon Baptist churches, wishes to express its heart-felt appreciation and sincere thanks to each of these churches for making available their buildings, grounds, and facilities for these meetings. We wish to thank these churches also for their fine fellowship, gracious hospitality and inspiring cooperation.

II

This committee desires to express the appreciation of the association for the fine work done by our moderator, clerk, program committee and other officers in making this meeting of our fellowship a success.

III

We wish to thank every person who has had a part in presenting our program this year, both those who have made reports on the different phases of our work and those who have so ably discussed each report.

IV

We feel that each of these churches are to be commended in the fine progress and improvement that they have made since the association last met with them.

V

We especially appreciate the inspiring and challenging messages brought to our association by Rev. Homer Good and Rev. Knoland Benfield.

Respectfully submitted

J. R. Lail
Mrs. Paul Ingram
Mrs. W. R. Adams

Report Of Alexander Association Brotherhood

A Brotherhood consist of a group of consecrated Christian men banded together with a prime purpose of winning the lost to Christ, striving to reach this goal by sincerely supporting the full program of their church and denomination. It operates by seeking to enlist every man (17 years of age and over) for active work in the church. In this way it gives every man an opportunity to put into practice the desire for Christian Activity that he has received while attending the various services of the church, thus helping him to become a definite worker in God's Kingdom.

North Carolina has over 50,000 men enrolled in its Brotherhoods. According to the present record this association has eight church brotherhood organizations meeting regularly, with an enrollment of 146 men. It also has an associational organization meeting quarterly. This group, at present, has as its officers: A. D. Lindsey, president, Kenneth Kerley, attendance vice-president; David Campbell, Program vice-president; Bob Meredith and Rev. Love Dixon, promotion vice-presidents; James Teague, secretary and treasurer, and C. E. Echerd, chorister.

With this report we make the following recommendations:

1. That the Alexander Association put forth an extra effort toward an active brotherhood in every church.
2. That the church brotherhoods increase their efforts to enlist every eligible man in the church.
3. That every brotherhood become active, working under close supervision of their pastor, in supporting all phases of the church program.

Respectfully submitted
A. D. Lindsey

Baptist Training Union Report

During the past year progress has been made in the Training Union work in the Alexander Association. A Training Union was organized in Oxford Memorial Church and we have noted an increase in attendance in our associational meetings. Our associational training union was organized with two meetings each quarter. The first meeting of each quarter is an executive committee meeting in which our associational officers and directors meet to plan the work for that quarter. The last month in each quarter all our churches with a training union come to gether for an inspirational meeting.

Last April we observed our first youth night in the association. This was led by a revival team from Wake Forest College.

Our 1956 Mass Meeting will be December 3, at East Taylorsville. Rev. A. B. Bumgarner will be guest speaker and our attendance goal is 400.

Again this year we were reported in each of the five tournaments for the different age groups in our Association. We had representatives in four of these tournaments at our Regional Convention at Elkin. Six Juniors were state winners in the Junior Memory Work Tournament. They are Nancy and Larry Gilliam from Hiddenite; Nancy Norton from Stony Point; Linda Lail, Shelby Teague, and Junior Benfield from Antioch.

We are proud of each Achievement during the past year but we have much room for growth. Won't you help us make 1957 the best year in our Training Union work?

Respectfully submitted
Mrs. Earl Teague

Report On Christian Education

Alexander Baptist Association, meeting at Liledoun, October 17, 1956.

North Carolina Baptists entered the field of Christian Education with the founding of Wake Forest College in 1834. In the 122 years since that time, the progress of Baptists in this phase of our work is a cause for great pride on the part of us all. These 122 years have witnessed the growth of our educational facilities to seven colleges. Without exception, these colleges are well located, deeply rooted in the life of our people, and have faculty and administrative leadership of the highest moral, spiritual and intellectual quality.

These 122 years are fittingly climaxed by the removal, this year, of Wake Forest College to its new campus at Winston-Salem, and by the fact that each of our other colleges have record high enrollment this Fall, and that all are engaged in programs of building, expansion and improvement, which promise to keep North Carolina abrest of the challenge of the future years, in the training of our increasing army of young people who seek learning.

We would like to urge the Baptists of Alexander Association to keep in closer touch with our Baptist Colleges; to be informed about their work, their problems and their needs; to lead our young people to go to our Baptist colleges, for training, superior in so many ways to that which they might receive in other schools.

Education is expensive. We would like to urge more of our churches, and individuals who can do so, to set up scholarships, student-aid and loan funds, and kindred aids, to help young people who are unable on their own, to bear the cost of a good Christian education.

If our churches are to be led aright in the coming years, they must be led by trained people, in the pulpit, in the lay offices of the church, and in the pews. We believe the best training for such leadership is to be had in our Baptist Colleges.

Respectfully submitted

David C. Boaz

Report On The Biblical Recorder And Other Literature

THE BIBLICAL RECORDER

The Bible says, "Give attention to reading." The Apostle Paul knew then, as we know today, that God's people need to read in order to strengthen faith, to increase knowledge, to enlarge vision, and to inspire the mind. Christian literature meets ths need. It is an effective means of spreading the Gospel, and an effective antidote in counteracting the insidious poison found in cheap literature which bedecks our news stands today.

Our own religious journal, the Biblical Recorder, offers us wholesome Christian reading. In addition to carrying the message of Baptist life and progress in the state it promotes education, missions, and social service. So, for wholesome reading and information about Baptist life we urge you to subscribe to and read the Biblical Recorder.

The American Bible Society

A Chinese college student said, "We students want to know Jesus. We must have this book." In India a man after hearing the Bible read said, "Get me that book." All over the world people want the Bible. They want the Bible because it presents Jesus Christ, the hope of men and nations. They must have it in their own language, for in their own language the Bible speaks to ther hearts.

The American Bible Society seeks to answer this cry. It translates, publishes, and distributes the scriptures in the language of the people. Every Southern Baptist mission work around the world is served by the American Bible Society. Last year over a million volumes were distributed by the chaplains to our Armed Forces, and almost fifteen million volumes of scriptures were distributed throughout the world.

Last year Southern Baptist ranked second among the denominations in gifts to the American Bible Society. This year all churches are urged to give to this Society. Send your gifts to the state office marked "for the American Bible Society."

Respectfully submitted,
Maurice H. Gilliam

Orphanage Report

I take pleasure in bringing to our Baptist Association the report of an institution that so far as I know every Baptist is glad that we have.

Now I shall attempt to bring as briefly as possible the facts that should be of interest to us.

In the year of 1955 applications for the care of 824 needy children were presented to the superintendent of the Homes. Of that number he was able to admit only 137, and to the other 687 he had to say "No". Many did receive some sort of care from relatives and other agencies though. Thus the need grows greater each passing year. 736 children received care last year in the Thanksgiving offering. Last year about 10 per cent of the support was through the co-operative program.

Most of the churches continue to support the orphanage with their once a month offering or place them in their budgets. These channels remain the same each year. Therefore the only way to meet the ever increasing need for child care is through a greater Thanksgiving offering. May each church leader give his people a chance.

We are blind unless we see
That in the human plan
Nothing is worth the making
If it does not make a man.

Why build the nation glorious,
If the child unbuilded goes?
In vain we build the city
Unless the child also grows.

Respectively submitted,
Jeffie Daniels

Report On Daily Vacation Bible Schools

We are happy to report the best year we have ever had in Vacation Bible School work in our association. We had a total of 12 schools this past summer, with a total enrollment of 1235 pupils and faculty members.

From among these, there were 29 who accepted Christ as their Savior during the Vacation Bible Schools, and the children contributed $325.44 to Missions through the Schools.

We were fortunate to have Miss Kay Adams, a student of Wake Forest College, working with our association in Vacation Bible School Promotion during the summer. Her services were made possible through the cooperation of the State Convention Department of Missions, and the churches of our own association, each of which paid half of her salary. We owe much of our achievements to the dedicated efforts of Miss Adams. Through her efforts we were able to offer Vacation Bible School help, to any church willing to permit us to do so.

Despite our improved record however, we must grimly remind ourselves that there were nine of our churches which did not have a Vacation Bible School this year. These nine churches reported to this session of our association that they have a total of 577 children under the age of 16 enrolled in their Sunday Schools. These 577 children were denied the blessing of Vacation Bible School, not to speak of the uncounted others in the vicinities of these churches, not enrolled in Sunday School, who might have been reached through Vacation Bible Schools.

It is our aim to make possible again next Summer, a Vacation Bible School in any church where one is desired. We urge upon every church and Sunday School to avail themselves of this opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,
David C. Boaz

Report On Homes For The Aging

Report of the North Carolina Baptist Homes for The Aging to the Alexander Association 1956.

These homes so dear to the hearts of North Carolina Baptist now in their sixth, and greatest year of operation, look forward to even greater service in the future.

February 1, 1957 they will enter a new Administration and Dormitory Building making possible the care of 44 other people bringing their capacity to 100. The new building will cost about one half million dollars and will be about paid for when they enter it.

Alexander churches gave in 1955 to these homes $280.41 and in 1956 $417.08.

The third Sunday in February 1957 we will give again, and let us hope for a even greater increase.

Respectfully submited,
R. Love Dixon

Report On Sunday Schools

As we think of our Sunday School work, it is the teaching of the Bible. Matt. 28:19, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, also V. 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you". (1) Our task is a task of making the Gospel of the Lord Jesus available to the multitudes. (2) Our task is a task of building great churches that will reflect honor on the name of Christ. (3) Our task is a task of matching our faith and our efforts with the promise of God. If this is our task the question comes to us. What have we done about it? Some teachers may not teach the word of God. They may fill in the time, talking about other things but that is not what Jesus said.

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

Respectfully submitted,

W. O. Johnson

Baptist Hospital Report

The year 1955 was the best in service our Baptist Hospital has ever had. Our churches gave the largest Mother's Day offering they have ever made, and the Hospital was able to serve more sick people than ever before. More than 115,000 days of bed-patient care were rendered to almost 15,000 sick people, and more than 100,000 visits were made to the clinics and offices of the medical staff.

Following the completion of the new south wing and the moving of a number of departments into new quarters, much of the original building which was constructed in 1923 had to be renovated. Most of this work has been completed, as is evidenced by the new waiting rooms for visitors and many other changes. Our Hospital is not only larger now, but it has the best facilities and staff to serve our people that it has ever had.

The new x-ray department is one example of improvement. Just recently, three new type x-ray machines have been installed at a cost of over $30,000. A small concrete building is now under construction to house a cobalt machine, which is much more safe and much more effective in the treatment of certain types of cancer than any x-ray machnies now being used. The cost of this will be $75,000. No other hospital in North Carolina has equipment equal to these new machines. We now have the best x-ray department in the South. The doctor who heads the department is one of the outstanding radiologists in America.

Most other departments have been improved and new departments added. Regular services are being held in the beautiful new Chapel which was opened in June. We now have a fine specialist for testing and advising those who have defective hearing. A highly skilled plastic surgeon is joining our staff this fall. Our Baptist Hospital is trying to stay in the forefront in providing for our people the best there is available in medical service.

The most urgently needed new facilities are a new nurses home, in order that the nursing school may be enlarged, and additional parking facilities. Anyone who has visited the Hospital recently is probably aware of the serious parking problem, and the nursing school need is equally acute.

Costs in all hospitals have increased steadily and every indication is that they will continue to increase. Such medical service as is provided by our Baptist Hospital cannot be made available without great cost. All who can possibly do so should carry hospital insurance with a reliable company. Those of us who can pay for our medical care must do so. Then we need to give generously through our Mother's Day offering to help care for those who can not care for themselves.

Respectfully submitted,
James R. Lail

W. M. U. Report

Progress has been made in Woman's Missionary Work during the past year. We have not gained a new Womans Missionary Union this year, but we feel that the nine churches in our association which have Womans Missionary Unions are doing a great work and are receiving many blessings doing the mission work, our Lord teaches us we should do.

Jesus tells us in Matt. 20: 19 to go and teach all nations. We feel that we are having a part in telling the story here at home and all over the world by sending our young people, our money and our prayers to advance His kingdom. Our gifts have been greater this year than ever before, and we are praying that this coming year will be far greater.

We are very greatful that we can report an increase in new tithers this year. More of our ladies are becoming tithers because the teaching and studing stewardship book through our W. M. U.

This year more Christian literature has been put in homes than ever before and the entire family is becoming more interested in missions. In our annual meeting this year we had not only our women but their families as well. It proved to be the most successful meeting we have ever had.

We are thankful for our young people in the G. A.'s, R. A.'s Y. W. A.'s and Sunbeams and for the work they are doing to promote missions. We have had several new organizations in our young peoples department this year.

Prayer and soul winning are the most important part in our mission work. It was asked of a missionary, which is more important our money or our prayers. His reply was "we need your money but your prayers are the most important. Pray for your missionaries and the work they are doing.

We have let this year come to a close with still much to be done. We can all ask ourselves the question, have I done as much as the Lord has expected from me this year? Lets strive to do more this coming year for our Savior who has blessed us with so much. He has promised to be with us all the way if we ask and do in His name.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Keller

Report On State Missions

State missions is the missionary effort on the part of North Carolina Baptists to reach the unsaved for Christ and teach, enlist, and train the saved in giving, living, and serving through the churches and throughout the world.

There are 4,300,000 people in the State. About 2,000,0000 of these above the age of eight years are affiliated with some kind of church. 1,900,000 of these above the age of eight years are unchurched. If 25 per cent of the affiliated church members are unsaved, then 62 1-2 per cent of the people of North Carolina above the age of eight years are lost. North Carolina, therefore, is far from being half Christian.

We have over 800,000 Baptist church members in North Carolina. Perhaps 40 per cent of these are enlisted and are being taught and trained in Christian giving, living and serving. This means that 60 per cent of our church constituency is not dedicated in the Christian profession. In this undeveloped area, the churches have their primary challenge.

Over sixty per cent of the people in North Carolina are lost and need a Savior. State Missions provides a Department of Evangelism that seeks to inspire pastors and churches to evangelize their communities; also to plan for and promote united evangelistic efforts on a state and associational-wide scale. Since the organization of this department, baptisms have averaged 8,000 a year more. North Carolina Baptist churches, last year, baptized more people than any other state except Texas.

The colored races in our midst constitute a large percentage of our populaton. State Missions seeks to minister in a limited degree to the Negroes and Indians. We should do more—not because the Catholics are winning them, but because we should. Ours is the major denomination in North Carolina and, therefore, they are largely our responsibility.

Other areas of need constantly challenge the resources of State Missions, namely.

1. The Allied Church League. This organization is doing a tremendous job in helping to produce a sober and sane citizenship in North Carolina.

2. The Silent People. Three thousand of them beckon for our care, love, and concern.

3. The Assemblies—Fruitland and Caswell. Our people greatly need the fellowship, inspiration and training they offer. Perhaps 12,000 attended these assemblies this summer. The organizations of the Women's Missionary Union had 2,150 women and young people to attend State and Associational W. M. U. camps this summer. They serve all phases of our Baptist work.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. Icenhour

History Of Liledoun Baptist Church

In 1900 a church building was erected at Liledoun and used by all denominations, until 1906 when a Baptist Church was organized and given the name Liledoun Baptist Church. Rev. L. P. Gwaltney and Rev. Jay P. Gwaltney and others helped in the organization and Rev. L. P. Gwaltney was called as pastor, serving from September 8, 1906 to June 1, 1918. Others serving as pastors were: Rev. B. F. Austin, 1918 to August 1922; Rev. L. P. Gwaltney, August 1922 to November 1924; Rev. W. J. Bumgarner, August 1924 to 1930; Rev. S. I. Watts, 1930 to 1944; Rev. James R. Lail 1944 to 1949; Rev. J. A. Isenhour 1949 to present.

A record or charter members was lost in the flood of 1916, but according to memory of some, there were seventeen.

In 1948 the Brookwood Mills, Inc., gave a lot and $4,000 for a new church which was occupied in 1949. In 1953 a steeple was erected to the building at a cost of $3,300. In 1954 the church purchased approximately five acres of adjoining land at a cost of $5,000. In 1955 plans were made for an Educational Plant to be erected to the church building, at a cost of $21,500, and at the present time the building is almost complete.

In May 1911 this church ordained brother J. Walter Watts to preach. License to preach have been granted to brother J. Leroy Rufty in 1931, brother W. A. Heafner in 1950 and Paul McAlpine, February 4, 1951. In May of 1952 W. A. Heafner was ordained into the ministry.

In 1954 Mr. R. S. Ferguson donated approximately three acres of land just across the river to be used as Liledoun church cemetery. Mr. W. J. Jenkins, a deacon of the church, was the first person to be buried in the cemetery.

The present estimated value of this property is $70,000, and the present church membership is 334.

History Of Lebanon Baptist Church

By Chas. E. Echerd, Historian

It appears from the minutes of our Association, that the Association met at Lebanon in October 1900, then again in October 1911.

The following is a history of Lebanon up to the meeting in October 1911, as reported by W. S. McLeod, historian.

This church was organized March 29th, 1884 with 41 members, by a presbytery composed of Elders Stephen Medlock, Moderator, W. J. Bumgarner, Clerk; C. C. Pool, J. B. Pool, D. M. Knight, and S. D. Barnes. S. D. Barnes was chosen pastor and served until December 1884. J. R. Teague from January 1, 1885 until August 1886. J. B. Pool from August 1886 to February 1892. W. J. Bumgarner from 1892 to January 1902. At this time G. Z. Bumgarner was called to the pastorate and has served until the present time.

A. M. Bumgarner was clerk when the church was organized and served till January 1903, when T. L. Bumgarner, was chosen clerk.

Pastors serving since 1911, George Z. Bumgarner, to 1913, E. V. Bumgarner to 1918, F. B. Austin 1919, T. E. Payne to 1922. Since 1922 S. Isaac Watts, W. T. Comer, D. L. Bumgarner, J. D. Whisnant, and Jeffie Daniels, the present pastor.

The present auditorium, about 30 by 45 feet was built in 1943. Since that date four Sunday School rooms have been added, making the building in the shape of a "T".

The value of the church as given in the 1956 letter is $10,000.

The present membership is 84.

Some of those prominent in the proceedings of the 1900 session held at Lebanon were: W. E. White, moderator; T. A. Hudson, clerk; Hosea Christopher, treasurer; W. S. McLeod, historian; J. L. Gwaltney, preaher. Preachers: L. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Pool, W. J. Bumgarner, J. M. Shaver, M. P. Matheny O. A, Keller, J. Walter Watts, W. R. Childers, J. J. Beach, and O. W. Triplett. Others mentioned as ministers in the association were: A. M. Pennell, C. C, R. L. Davis, J. A. White, and J. H. Hendren. All of this list are gone on, unless it be O. W. Triplett. He preached the centennial sermon at Taylorsville First Baptist Church On October 7, 1951, and is still living in Virginia, as far as we know.

IN MEMORIUM

ANTIOCH—Miss Dewey Teague, Mrs. Carr Munday, Mrs. George Baker, Mrs. Amanda May, Mrs. Charlie Meadlock, Mrs. Farry Mooney.

CALVARY—John Webster.

DAMASCUS—M. L. Pharr, Mrs. Cora Stoute.

LILEDOUN—W. P. Jenkins, J. P. Benfield.

LINNEYS GROVE—Parks Childers

LITTLE RIVER—Gus Mullis, Mrs. Charlie Robinette, Burgen Walker.

MACEDONIA—Jeff Crouch.

MT. HERMAN—Mrs. A. W. Johnson, Miss Callie Palmer, U. A. Teague.

OXFORD MEMORIAL—S. I. Watts.

PILGRIM—Monroe Mayberry, Mrs. J. F. Bunton.

PLEASANT HILL—Mrs. Flossie Jolly.

POPLAR SPRINGS—Mrs. Judie Barnes.

STONY POINT—S. C. Johnson, Mrs. Joe James, Mrs. S. Grose, Mr. George Chapman, Mr. J. Honeycutt.

TAYLORSVILLE, EAST—Dennis Robinette.

TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST—Fred Johnson, Earl Lackey.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

The Alexander Baptist Association was formed at Macedonia Baptist Church, meeting for the first time September 30th and October 1-2, 1887.

Remember—Reports should be kept within one page as it appears in the minutes if possible.

The Associational year closes with the last service in September, or the 30th day.

Church Clerks should be very careful in filling out the associational letters. Accuracy is important. It is the only record we have of your church.

Our Association consist of twenty-one churches being served by 11 full time pastors and nine part time pastors.

The Alexander Ministers Conference meets on Monday following the third Sunday of each month. The officers of the Conference are A. E. Watts, Moderator, or president and W. O. Warren secretary and treasurer.

Pastors Attending School

Hiddenite—Maurice Gilliam, Southeastern Seminary.

Macedonia—W. O. Warren, Fruitland.

Students For The Ministry

Bethlehem—Cade Austin, Southern Seminary.

Mt. Herman—W. O. Goble, Jr., Southeastern Seminary.

Stony Point—Eugene Kirkman, Catawba; Billy Goodson, Atlanta; Sidney Norton, Wake Forest.

Taylorsville, First—Rowe Teague, Wake Forest.

Other Licensed or Ordained Ministers

Paul McAlpine, Route 2, Taylorsville; Paul Goble, Hiddenite; Barney Gantt, Taylorsville; Ernest James, Taylorsville.

Ministers Ordained This Year

Sidney Norton, Stony Point; James Porter, Stony Point.

Report On Time, Place and Preacher

TIME—October 16th and 17th, 1957.
PLACE—First day, Macedonia—Second day Taylorsville, First.
PREACHER—W. O. Warren—Alternate, Maurice Gilliam.

Chairman of Deacons

Anitoch—Warren Keller, Route 1, Taylorsville

Bethlehem—Ray Sherrill, Route 1, Granite Falls

Beulah—H. L. McDuffie, Taylorsville

Calvary

Damascus

Hiddenite—Gerald Gwaltney, Hiddenite

Lebanon—C. D. Poole, Route 4, Taylorsville.

Liledoun—M. I. Little, Route 2, Taylorsville

Linneys Grove—Jay Gwaltney, Route 1, Hiddenite

Little River—Lindsay Brown, Taylorsville

Macedonia—Clyde Mecimore, Route 1, Taylorsville

Millers—Ben Thompson, Taylorsville

Mt. Herman—Kenneth Kerley, Route 4, Taylorsville.

Oxford Memorial—Pender Caldwell, Route 2, Taylorsville.

Pilgrim—G. W. Mayberry, Route 1, Union Grove

Pleasant Hill—Paul Harrington, Taylorsville

Poplar Springs—Ed Crouch, Route 4, Taylorsville

Smyrna—Charlie Cline, Route 1, Taylorsville

Stony Point—Jack Comer, Stony Point

Taylorsville, East—Glenn Davis, Route 1, Taylorsville

Taylorsville, First—Fred Lane, Taylorsville.

Choir Directors And Pianist

Church	Choir Director	Pianist or Organist
Antioch	W. R. Austin	Mrs. Carris Austin
Bethlehem	Howard Teague	Mrs. Howard Teague
Beulah	Escar Bowman	Eunice Bowman
Calvary	Nay Brookshre	Craig Little
Damascus	R. A. Wilson	Elaine Wilson
Hiddenite	Hugh Wilborn	Barbara Grant
Lebanon	E. E. Bumgarner	Shirley Watts
Liledoun	C. I. Chapman	Jane Jenkins
Linneys Grove	Jay Gwaltney	Blenda Millsaps
Little River	Kenneth Davis	Mrs. D. B. Chapman
Macedonia	Redge Chapman	Marie Brinkley
Millersville	M. S. Hampton	Mrs. H. S. Hampton
Mt. Herman	P. E. Johnson	Faye Carrigan
Oxford Memorial	Edith Hass	Lillian Hass
Pilgrim	W. G. Mayberry	Roena Hayes
Pleasant Hill	Walter Harrington	Eloise Harrington
Poplar Springs	Butler Chapman	Blenda Walker
Smyrna		Mrs. William Bowman
Stony Point	Mrs. Ruth Foy	Mrs. W. S. Goodson
Taylorsville, East	Paul Rufty	Margie Russell
Taylorsville, First	Lucy Echerd	Mrs. W. W. Harrington

Church Librarian

Antioch	Blaine Hollar	R 2, Taylorsville
Hiddenite	Ethel Mae Goble	R 2, Hiddenite
Lebanon	Mrs. Claude Fortner	R 4, Taylorsville
Mt. Herman	Mrs. W. D. Johnson	R 2, Taylorsville
Stony Point	Carrie Pharr	Stony Point

TABLE I. CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

Association Alexander State North Carolina

For Year Ending (Month) September 19 56

Clerk Rev. W. O. Warren Address Hiddenite, N. C.

Moderator Rev. A. E. Watts Address Taylorsville, N. C.

CHURCHES	Location Rural	V-T-C	Date Organized	Date of Meeting		Baptisms	Letters and other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	Church Have Budget?	Every Member Canvass	State Paper in Budget	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a pastor or not)
Antioch	R		1826	all	James R. Lail, Taylorsville, Rt 2	22	1	8	284	145	384	2	80	yes	no	yes	$3,975.00
Bethlehem	R		1871	all	Ivary Crouch, Taylorsville	17	0	2	290	0	290	2	...	...	..	...	3,710.00
Beulah	T		1916	all		22	0	0	80	15	95	2	11	yes	no	no	2,225.00
Calvary	T		1948	all	Henkle Little, Taylorsville	11	10	3	135	26	164	3	26	yes	no	no	4,340.00
Damascus	R		1839	2,4	Irvin Wallace, Harmony, Rt 2	0	3	4	124	52	176	1	...	no	no	no	1,105.00
Hiddenite	T		1915	all	Maurice Gilliam, Hiddenite,	12	9	7	139	43	182	1	60	yes	no	no	3,640.00
Lebanon	R		1884	1,3	Jeffie Daniels, Taylorsville, Rt 3	0	0	5	77	7	84	1	0	no	no	no	942.42
Lilledoun	V		1906	all	J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite, Rt 2	25	6	9	334	0	334	2	...	no	no	no	4,100.00
Linney's Grove	R		1895	2,4	Irvin Wallace, Harmony, Rt 2	5	0	2	....	...	146	1	...	no	no	no	1,092.00
Little River	R		1792	2,4	Wayne Hendren, Moravian Falls	5	2	6	164	9	173	1	9	yes	no	no	845.25
Macedonia	R		1840	all	W. O. Warren, Hiddenite	23	19	2	210	40	250	1	27	no	no	no	3,800.00
Millersville	V		1923	1,3	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville,	1	1	7	51	0	51	1	...	no	no	no	624.00
Mt. Herman	R		1912	1,3,4	Herman Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt 2	3	4	9	....	...	222	2	[illegible]	yes	no	no	2,050.00
Oxford Memorial	R		1942	1,3	Fred Ellis, Granite Falls, Rt 1	9	0	7	62	53	115	2	4	no	no	no	695.30
Pilgrim	R		1837	1,3		3	5	6	....	...	255	2	...	no	no	no	556.20
Pleasant Hill	R		1852	1,3	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt 2	2	0	5	179	47	226	1	0	no	no	no	600.00
Poplar Springs	R		1872	2,4	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt 2	10	0	2	....	...	212	2	0	no	no	no	1,132.72
Smyrna	R		1923	all	~~Gordon Wilson~~, Taylorsville, Rt 1	13	5	12	75	33	108	1	...	yes	no	yes	3,000.00
Stony Point	T		1909	all	H. L. Good, Stony Point	15	12	16	500	75	575	2	75	yes	no	yes	5,300.00
Taylorsville East	R		1924	all	R. L. Dixon, Taylorsville	20	12	18	447	50	511	3	60	yes	no	...	4,680.00
Taylorsville First	T		1851	all	David C. Boaz, Taylorsville,	16	10	9	466	158	624	2	120	yes	no	yes	5,356.00
Totals						214	99	139	3617	753	5177	35	472	...	..	...	$53,767.89

TABLE II. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT Edd K. Elliott SUPERINTENDENTS AND POST OFFICES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, single	Young People (married)	Adults	Extension Department	Officers not counted Classes and Depts.	Mission Sunday School Enrollment	Grand Total Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Average Attendance V.B.S.	January Bible Study	Number Training Schools
Antioch	W. R. Austin, Taylorsville, Rt 2	..	40	33	49	46	48	45	...	51	..	5	..	417	250	152	148	...	1
Bethlehem	Ray Sherrill, Granite Falls, Rt 1	..	...	19	10	28	28	21	61	49	..	10	..	225	110	103	88	no	0
Beulah	Raymond Harrington, Taylorsville	..	...	10	...	34	10	...	27	30	..	..	..	117	72	58	52	no	0
Calvary	Darold Fox, Taylorsville	..	...	20	24	24	25	...	50	40	..	..	..	183	134	85	81	no	0
Damascus	Dwight Johnson, Hiddenite	..	4	6	9	9	14	10	20	18	..	..	..	90	55	0	0	no	0
Hiddenite	R. M. Grant, Taylorsville, Rt 3	4	9	5	9	22	10	6	11	70	12	3	..	161	109	127	115	yes	1
Lebanon	C. D. Poole, Taylorsville, Rt 4	0	0	10	3	10	10	0	0	20	0	5	0	....	50	....	...	no	0
Liledoun	Arthur Jenkins, Taylorsville, Rt 2	0	0	44	25	30	35	...	45	86	0	..	0	265	230	0	0	no	0
Linney's Grove	Fred Hendren, Hiddenite	0	0	12	15	20	15	30	26	50	0	0	0	168	100	....	...	no	0
Little River	Joe McDuffie, Taylorsville	0	0	16	18	17	0	21	0	43	0	0	0	120	81	0	0	no	0
Macedonia	Porter Mauney, Taylorsville	..	...	20	30	18	25	8	60	25	..	..	..	185	156	....	...	no	0
Millersville	G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville	0	0	10	...	12	12	...	...	30	0	0	0	64	35	0	0	no	0
Mt. Herman	.....	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	..	192	...	85	...	...	.
Oxford Memorial	Ward Pennell, Taylorsville, Rt 2	0	0	20	12	17	23	14	9	41	0	1	0	136	95	69	61	no	0
Pilgrim	Paul Mayberry, Union Grove, Rt 1	0	3	14	8	16	22	12	8	72	0	0	0	155	96	0	0	no	0
Pleasant Hill	Walter Harrington, Taylorsville, Rt 4	0	0	17	25	25	12	22	0	62	0	3	0	163	...	0	0	no	0
Poplar Springs	Norris Bumgarner, Taylorsville, Rt 2.	0	6	8	9	10	15	18	24	30	0	0	0	147	122	0	0	no	0
Smyrna	Waverly Bowman, Taylorsville, Rt 1	1	15	3	8	14	8	9	11	20	0	4	0	93	...	84	64	yes	2
Stony Point	A. D. Lindsey, Stony Point	0	45	18	44	54	49	31	...	260	0	9	0	510	288	127	111	no	0
Taylorsville, East	Edd Elliott, Taylorsville	16	17	33	40	53	51	19	16	131	0	5	0	381	203	136	106	yes	1
Taylorsville, First	David C. Campbell	12	33	22	35	45	43	17	2	169	17	5	0	400	255	164	151	yes	1
Totals	.....	33	122	340	373	504	455	283	370	1296	29	40	0	4172	2441	1190	977	...	6

TABLE III. TRAINING UNION

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTOR

Mrs. Earl Teague

CHURCHES	TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People	Adults	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance
Antioch	Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, Taylorsville, Rt 2.	12	10	13	34	26	13	35	3	146	109
Hiddenite	Ethel Mae Goble, Hiddenite	..	2	7	18	10	6	20	2	65	46
Oxford Memorial	Mrs. Junior Barber, Lenoir, Rt 2	..	7	10	16	17	15	14	5	79	48
Stony Point	Don Hammer, Stony Point	..	..	13	22	21	20	26	4	106	70
Taylorsville, East	Mrs. Butler Chapman, Taylorsville	5	4	17	22	35	10	41	5	139	49
Taylorsville, First	N. W. Blalock, Taylorsville	..	..	11	21	21	13	16	4	86	50
Totals		17	23	61	133	130	77	153	23	621	372

TABLE IV. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

ASSOCIATIONAL PRESIDENT

Evelyn Keller

CHURCHES	PRESIDENTS OF W. M. S. AND ADDRESSES	W. M. S. Units	Y. W. A. Units	G. A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W. M. S. Enrolled	Y. W. A. Enrolled	G. A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers All Organizations
Antioch.....	Mrs Estelle Meadlock, Taylorsville Rt 1.	1	.	2	1	4	12	..	28	10	50	35
Bethlehem.....	Mrs. Clyde Carrigan, Taylorsville, Rt 1.	1	1	2	1	5	13	8	19	10	50	...
Beulah.....	Mrs. Barney Gantt, Taylorsville.....	1	.	1	1	3	16	..	8	14	38	...
Hiddenite.....	Mrs. Marvin Childers, Hiddenite, Rt 2...	3	1	1	1	6	51	14	11	20	96	22
Liledoun.....	Mrs. Devon Dyson, Taylorsville, Rt 2....	1	.	2	1	4	21	..	...	10	...	...
Mt. Herman.....	Mrs. Edd McBride, Taylorsville, Rt 4....	1	.	1	1	3	10	..	12	18	40	...
Stony Point.....	Mrs. A. D. Stikeleather, Stony Point....	3	1	2	1	7	53	12	40	15	120	40
East Taylorsville..	Mrs. L. W. Davis, Taylorsville, Rt 3....	4	1	2	1	8	49	12	18	20	99	45
Taylorsville First.	Miss Lucy Echerd, Taylorsville,.....	5	1	2	1	9	92	8	18	12	130	35
Totals.....		20	5	15	9	49	318	50	154	129	623	167

TABLE V. MISSION EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL EXPENDITURES

ASSOCIATIONAL CLERK

W. O. Warren

CLERKS OF CHURCHES

AND ADDRESSES

CHURCHES		Cooperative Program	Associational Mission	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian, Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Other Objects, Relief and Annuity, etc.	Total Mission Expenditures	Grand Total Expenditure for all Purposes
Antioch	Warren Keller, Taylorsville, Rt 1	985	0	85	80	254	168	267	105	55	2003	13650
Bethlehem	Ray Sherrill, Granite Falls, Rt 1	72	237	181	75	282	...	315	36	191	1394	9789
Beulah	Henry McDuffie, Taylorsville	54	0	7	10	10	0	11	8	11	112	3276
Calvary	Mrs. Nay Brookshire, Taylorsville, Rt 1.	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	25	26	87	5378
Damascus	Mrs. R. A. Wilson, Statesville, Rt 2	0	0	0	0	278	0	134	0	0	412	1945
Hiddenite	Gerald Goble, Hiddenite	1098	0	23	146	288	0	170	190	0	1919	10392
Lebanon	James Watts, Taylorsville, Rt 4	0	0	0	0	61	0	47	0	0	109	1733
Liledoun	Devon Dyson, Taylorsville, Rt 2	0	0	7	24	43	0	260	201	213	750	12019
Linney's Grove	Mrs. E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite, Rt 1	0	0	0	0	34	0	40	0	60	135	2551
Little River	Edwin Teague, Taylorsville	221	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	297	3307
Macedonia	Mrs. Kermit Patterson, Stony Point	....	...	68	....	....	...	30	...	315	413	16686
Millersville	G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville	0	0	25	0	0	0	25	...	55	105	.....
Mt. Herman	P. E. Johnson, Taylorsvile, Rt 2	64	0	40	63	370	0	423	163	0	1126	5922
Oxford Memorial	Mrs. Wade Pennell, Taylorsville, Rt 2	17	16	17	0	20	0	54	11	54	191	2936
Pilgrim	D. C. Johnson, Statesville, Rt 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	26	37	97	1451
Pleasant Hill	Sue Tevepaugh, Taylorsville, Rt 3	0	0	0	0	48	0	52	44	26	170	1852
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt 4	0	0	0	0	115	0	198	0	35	348	2985
Smyrna	Waitsel Climé, Taylorsville, Rt 1	80	10	62	57	47	0	91	60	20	338	5004
Stony Point	Vance Stikeleather, Stony Point, Rt 1	1211	29	80	300	2242	0	900	125	110	5000	23839
Taylorsville, East	Mrs. R. L. Dixon, Taylorsville	1924	0	17	200	824	0	62	50	0	3077	13038
Taylorsville, First	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville	1914	0	210	297	441	300	448	464	1700	5777	26327
Totals		7640	292	822	1252	5357	468	3597	1508	2983	23860	164080

TABLE VI. TOTAL GIFTS AND LOCAL EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER W. O. Warren TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Total Gifts for All Purposes	Total Salaries (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Maintenance, Insurance, Repair, etc.	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)	Grand Total Local Expense
Antioch	Dewey Austin, Taylorsville, Rt 2	.....	575	347	1917	761	321	525	1200	1882	7531	3975	11506
Bethlehem	Leo Bowman, Taylorsville, Rt 1	9789	882	544	955	342	723	200	920	117	4684	3710	8394
Beulah	Mrs. Barney Gantt, Taylorsville	3664	120	0	450	75	10	180	0	103	939	2225	3164
Calvary	Mrs. Nay Brookshire, Taylorsville, Rt 1	5769	120	11	180	105	69	348	0	160	995	4295	5290
Damascus	Mrs. R. A. Wilson, Statesville, Rt 2	2056	0	61	0	55	0	130	0	182	428	1105	1533
Hiddenite	Mrs. Davis Hendren, Hiddenite, Rt 2	10286	565	1080	589	531	729	290	0	977	4763	3710	8473
Lebanon	Peggy Fortner, Taylorsville, Rt 4	801	34	20	0	48	441	80	0	58	681	942	1624
Liledoun	Ernest Jenkins, Taylorsville, Rt 2	12019	300	722	....	282	....	272	0	101	.....	4100	.....
Linney's Grove	L. A. Childers, Hiddenite, Rt 1	2551	0	0	0	122	0	151	0	1030	1323	1092	2416
Little River	Ann Rogers, Taylorsville	4272	413	859	460	137	255	75	0	65	2265	845	3110
Macedonia	Conrad Fox, Taylorsville, Rt 1	12838	....	211	7000	212	165	500	500	450	8500	3800	16273
Millersville	Ben Thompson, Taylorsville	114	70	0	0	84	0	95	0	40	289	627	916
Mt. Herman	Wayne McBride, Taylorsville, Rt 4	5642	350	143	1288	309	....	245	....	408	1457	2050	4795
Oxford Memorial	Pender Caldwell, Taylorsville, Rt 2	3386	0	286	493	197	100	279	600	91	2049	695	2744
Pilgrim	Leslie Millsaps, Hiddenite, Rt 1	.....	0	110	0	64	224	180	0	317	797	556	1353
Pleasant Hill	Walter Harrington, Taylorsville, Rt 3	1822	84	561	0	136	48	119	0	92	1040	642	1682
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt 4	.....	0	706	0	61	318	170	0	247	1504	1132	2636
Smyrna	Marshall Fox, Taylorsville, Rt 1	5277	25	77	0	192	97	80	1770	....	2243	2651	4894
Stony Point	Howard Norton, Stony Point, Rt 1	23839	3490	1000	775	1953	....	340	4542	1437	13539	5300	18839
Taylorsville, East	Glenn Davis, Taylorsville, Rt 1	16589	1138	685	2000	974	16	650	....	1815	5280	4680	9960
Taylorsville, First	James Farthing, Taylorsville	26327	1307	2688	8865	1285	112	583	....	351	5193	5356	20549
Totals	.....	147041	9473	10111	24972	7925	3628	5492	9532	9943	65500	53488	130151

HISTORICAL TABLE

YEAR	WHERE HELD	PREACHER	MODERATOR	CLERK
1887	Macedonia.....	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Hendren..	W. E. White.....
1888	Antioch.....	J. P. Gwaltney..	J. W. Hendren..	W. E. White.....
1889	Bethel.....	J. B. Poole.....	J. W. Hendren..	W. E. White.....
1890	Concord.....	D. W. Poole.....	L. P. Gwaltney.	T. A. Hudson....
1891	Dover.....	L. P. Gwaltney..	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1892	Taylorsville.....	W. J. Bumgarner.	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1893	Bethlehem.....	J. P. Gwaltney..	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1894	Mt. Olive.....	J. M. Shaver....	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1895	Pleasant Hill.....	C. Durham.....	J. J. Hendren..	T. A. Hudson....
1896	Pilgrim.....	D. W. Poole.....	J. J. Hendren..	T. A. Hudson....
1897	Sulphur Springs....	J. A. White.....	J. J. Hendren..	T. A. Hudson....
1898	Little River.....	L. P. Gwaltney..	J. J. Hendren..	T. A. Hudson....
1899	Linney's Grove.....	J. J. Reach.....	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1900	Lebanon.....	D. W. Poole.....	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1901	Three Forks.....	R. L. Davis.....	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1902	Taylor Springs.....	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts....	E. S. Millsaps..
1903	Poplar Springs.....	R. L. Davis.....	J. W. Watts....	E. S. Millsaps..
1904	Macedonia.....	O. A. Keller....	J. W. Watts....	J. J. H. Pool...
1905	Antioch.....	G. Z. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts....	J. J. H. Pool...
1906	Bethel.....	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts....	J. J. H. Pool...
1907	Bethlehem.....	R. Lee Davis....	J. W. Watts....	J. J. H. Pool...
1908	Concord.....	W. E. Linney....	J. W. Watts....	J. J. H. Pool...
1909	Damascus.....	J. M. Shaver....	J. W. Watts....	J. J. H. Pool...
1910	Dover.....	L. P. Gwaltney..	J. W. Watts....	R. L. Downs.....
1911	Lebanon.....	J. M. Shaver....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1912	Linney's Grove.....	G. Z. Bumgarner.	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1913	Taylorsville.....	Lloyd Teague....	J. W. Watts....	R. L. Downs.....
1914	Stony Point..	W. E. Lin[illegible]	J. W. [illegible]	R. L. [illegible] ...
1915	Mt. Olive.....	D. W. Poo[illegible]	J. W.	R. L. [illegible] ...
1916	Pilgrim.....	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts....	R. L. Downs.....
1917	Mt. Herman.....	E. V. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts....	R. L. Downs.....
1918	.....	.....	J. W. Watts....	.....
1919	Sulphur Springs....	B. F. Austin....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1920	Three Forks.....	T. H. Williams..	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1921	Taylor Springs.....	T. E. Payne.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. W. Chatham...
1922	Macedonia.....	L. E. Barnes....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. W. Chatham...
1923	Bethany.....	J. W. Watts.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1924	Concord.....	J. S. Stephenson	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1925	Taylorsville.....	J. M. McAlpine..	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1926	Antioch.....	.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	W. E. White.....
1927	Mt. Olive.....	J. H. Boggs.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1928	Pleasant Grove.....	J. W. Rash	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1929	Mt. Hebron.....	E. V. Bumgarner.	J. L. Gwaltney,	R. B. McLeod....
1930	White Plains.....	C. C. Holland...	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1931	Pleasant Hill.....	J. L. Teague....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1932	Sulphur Springs....	S. I. Watts.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1933	Macedonia.....	A. T. Howell....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod.....
1934	Little River.....	E. V. Bumgarner.	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1935	Hiddenite.....	G. C. Teague....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1936	Fairview.....	F. A. Pennell...	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1937	Taylorsville, East.	Lee James.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1938	Three Forks.....	G. C. Teague....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1939	Linney's Grove.....	C. C. Holland...	A. E. Watts....	R. B. McLeod....
1940	Bethlehem.....	T. L. Blalock...	A. E. Watts....	G. L. Chatham...
1941	Pilgrim.....	J. C. Gwaltney..	A. E. Watts....	R. B. McLeod....
1942	Antioch.....	E. C. Shoe.....	A. E. Watts....	R. B. McLeod....
1943	Damascus.....	E. V. Bumgarner.	A. E. Watts....	R. B. McLeod....
1944	Taylorsville, First	Homer L. Good...	E. C. Shoe.....	W. C. Grose.....
1945	Stony Point.....	Howard J. Ford..	E. C. Shoe.....	Homer L. Good...
1946	Damascus.....	E. C. Shoe.....	A. C. Payne....	Homer L. Good...
	Three Forks.....	.....	.....	.....
1947	Taylorsville, East.	A. E. Watts.....	A. C. Payne....	Homer L. Good...
	Taylor Springs.....	.....	.....	.....
1948	Poplar Springs.....	A. B. Bumgarner.	Homer L. Good..	W. W. Harrington
	Bethel.....	.....	.....	.....
1949	Antioch.....	W. O. Johnson...	E. V. Bumgarner	W. W. Harrington
	Hiddenite.....	.....	.....	.....
1950	Liledoun.....	J. A. Icenhour..	A. B. Bumgarner	J. L. Wells.....
	Mt. Herman.....	.....	.....	.....
1951	Stony Point.....	J. L. Wells.....	H. L. Good.....	J. L. Wells.....
	Taylorsville, East.	.....	.....	.....
1952	Taylorsville, First.	J. R. Lail.....	H. L. Good.....	J. L. Wells.....
	Smyrna.....	.....	.....	.....
1953	Pleasant Hill.....	David C. Boaz...	J. R. Lail.....	Marcella Hines..
	Bethlehem.....	.....	.....	.....
1954	Pilgrim.....	Herman Johnson..	J. R. Lail.....	Marcella Hines..
	Little River.....	.....	.....	.....
1955	Linney's Grove.....	R. L. Dixon.....	J. R. Lail.....	Marcella Hines..
	Hiddenite.....	.....	.....	.....
1956	Liledoun.....	H. L. Good.....	A. E. Watts....	W. O. Warren....
	Lebanon.....	.....	.....	.....

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Constitntion

Article 1. This union shall be known as Alexander Baptist Association.

Article 2. Its objects shall be the promotion of God's Kingdom in the hearts of men.

MEMBERSHIP

Article 3. It shall be composed of delegates elected by churches connected with this body, not more than three delegates from each church annually, and all ordained ministers, who are members of, or laboring in connection with said churches.

POWERS AND PREROGRATIVES

Article 4. The Association may advice the churches and recommend measures of usefulness for their adoption, but cannot bind them in any way.

Article 5. As constituent members of the Association, the churches shall have the right to advise when desired in the case of difficulty, and to suggest plans for usefulness to be adopted.

Article 6. The expenses of the body shall be defrayed by annual voluntary contributions from the churches, sent by the delegates for that purpose.

Article 7. The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes heterodox in doctrine or disorderly in practice.

GOVERNMENT

Article 8. A majority of the enrolled members at each session of the body shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article 9. Every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present.

Article 10. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Historian, who shall be elected at each annual meeting of the Association, as the first order of business, at the evening session of the first day, and shall continue in office until the next annual election.

Article 11. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meetings of the body punctually at the time appointed, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage.

Article 12. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a faithful record of the proceedings of the body, and superintend the printing and distributing of the same. He shall also keep three distinct files of the printed minutes, and have them bound at the order of the Association.

Article 13. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds connected with the work of the Association as directed by the body, and to make an annual statement of the same.

Article 14. It shall be the duty of the Historian to prepare for publication in the minutes a historical sketch of the session, and of the church with which it is held, and other facts of present and past history.

Article 15. To facilitate the transaction of business of the body, the Moderator shall at the beginning of the session, apoint committees of three members each on (1) nominations, (2) program, (3) time, place and preacher, (4) Digest of Church Letters and (5) resolutions, whose work shall be reported to the body for adoption.

Article 16. It shall be the duty of the committee on nominations to nominate officers of the association for the next year and to name messengers to other associations, and in its discretion to State and Southern Baptist Convention.

Article 17. It shall be the duty of the committee on time, place and preacher to select the place of the next annual meeting of the association, to fix the time, and name the preacher and alternate preach the annual sermon.

Article 19. It shall be the duty of the committee on the digest of Church letters to gather and tabulate the contents of the same for the information of the Churches.

Article 20. It shall be the duty of the committee on resolutions to prepare and propose to the association resolutions of appreciation to the hostess church and to consider any letters or other matters referred to it by the moderator.

Article 21. The Association shall have an executive committee composed of the moderator, vice-moderator, clerk-treasurer, historian, chairman of the program committee, Associational Brotherhood president, Associational Sunday School Superintendent, Associational Woman's Missionary Union President and Associational Training Union Director. The moderator will be the chairman of this committee and will call such meetings as are necessary to plan and carry out the work of the association between sessions.

Article 22. This constitution may be altered at any regular session, a majority of the members present concurring.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Moderator, H. L. Good ..... Stony Point

Vice Moderator, J. A. Icenhour ..... Route 2, Hiddenite

Clerk, W. O. Warren ..... Hiddenite

Treasurer, James Farthing ..... Taylorsville

Historian, Charles Echerd ..... Taylorsville

B. T. U. Director, Mrs. Earl Teague, ... Route 2, Taylorsville

Sunday School Supt. ..... Edd K. Elliott, Taylorsville

W. M. U. Superintendent ..... Miss Evelyn Keller, Taylorsville

Brotherhood President, ... A. D. Lindsay, Stony Point

Nominations—W. O. Johnson, L. C. Millsaps, and Mack Little.

Program—J. R. Lail, Miss Evelyn Keller, and H. L. Good.

Time, Place and Preacher—H. I. Johnson, J. A. Icenhour, and Mrs. Ethel Hafer.

Resolutions—I. V. Couch, Ward Pennell, and Waitsel Cline.

Digest of Church Letters—W. O. Warren, Maurice Gilliam and Miss Ethel Mae Goble.

Association Music Director—Miss Lucy Echerd

Evangelism—W. B. Pittard, Jr.

Childrens Home—H. I. Johnson.

Hospitals—James Teague.

Home for the Aged—R. L. Dixon.

Missions Committee—I. V. Couch, J. R. Lail, Henkle Little.

Time, Place and Preacher

Time—October 15, and 16, 1958.

Place—First Day—Anitoch Baptist Church, Second Day—Mt. Herman Baptist Church.

Preacher—Horace Moree—Alternate, Fred Ellis.

List Of Messengers

Antioch—Mrs. Warren Keller, Mrs. Earl Teague, Mrs. Ray Benfield.

Bethlehem—Mrs. Ola Lewis, Mrs. W. D. Hall, Mrs. I. V. Couch.

Beulah—Mrs. Sam Johnson, Mrs. Robert Settlemyer, Mrs. Raymond Harrington.

Calvary—Mrs. Nay Brookshire, Mrs. Estmer Watts, James Chapman.

Damascus—Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Foy Johnson, Willie Johnson.

Hiddenite—J. T. Goble, Miss Jeanette Johnson, Maurice Grant.

Lebanon—Mrs. Kerley Chapman, Mrs. James H. Watts, C. D. Poole.

Liledoun—Otis Fox, Mack Little, James Teague.

Linney's Grove—Mrs. E. F. Millsaps, Homer Baity, Sanford Hayes.

Little River—Edwin Teague, Joe McDuffie, Maxine Chapman

Macedonia—Edd Alspaugh, Phyllis Stafford, Carolyn Matheson.

Millersville—G. S. Hampton, Mrs. R. M. Hampton, Mrs. G. S. Hampton.

Mount Hermon—H. L. Gilliam, Mrs. Willie Johnson, Mrs. Willie Brookshire.

Oxford Memorial—Miss Millie Reid, Ward Pennell, Mrs. Ward Pennell.

Pilgrim—Richard Bustle, Roby Branton, Frank Bunton.

Pleasant Hill—Artie Sue Tevepaugh, Walter Harrington, Tommy Daniels.

Poplar Springs—Mrs. Roy Rogers, Floyd Robinette, Mrs. Mac Walker.

Smyrna—E. J. Teague, Mrs. Glenn Lail, Waitsel Cline.

Stony Point——

East Taylorsville—Edd Elliott, Mrs. L. W. Davis, Mrs. Butler Chapman.

First Taylorsville—R. L. Moose, Miss Lucy Echerd, Mrs. Ethel Hafer.

Program

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"WHAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW"

9:45	Worship Service Hymn—"All Hail The Power" Scripture and Prayer ..... Asa Kerley
10:00	Roll Call of Churches Recognition of Visitors Adoption of Program Appointment of Committees
10:15	Orphanage Report ..... Jeffie Daniels
10:45	Christian Literature (Recorder and Am. Soc.) Report ..... J. R. Lail
11:15	Vacation Bible School Report ..... Herman Johnson
11:30	Worship In Song
11:35	Annual Sermon ..... Otha Warren
12:05	Lunch
1:15	Worship Service Hymn "Send The Light" Scripture and Prayer ..... Fred Ellis
1:30	Missions W. M. U. Report ..... Evelyn Keller
2:00	Sunday School Report ..... Edd Elliott
2:25	Training Union Report ..... Mrs. Earl Teague
2:50	Brotherhood Report and Speaker ..... A. D. Lindsey

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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"WHAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW"

9:45 Worship Service
Hymn "Come Thou Almighty King"
Scripture and Prayer ..... W .B. Pittard, Jr.

10:00 Ministry To The Aged: N. C. Baptist Homes
Report ..... J. A. Isenhour

10:30 Allied Church League
Report ..... W. O. Johnson

11:00 Christian Education
Report ..... Love Dixon

11:30 Worship In Song

11:35 Solo "The Light of the World"
Message ..... I. V. Couch

12:10 Lunch

1:15 Worship Service
Hymn "Love Divine"
Scripture and Prayer ..... E. V. Bumgarner

1:30 Ministry of Healing: N. C. Baptist Hospital
Report ..... H. L. Good

2:00 Business Session
Report of Committees
Election of Officers
Miscellaneous

Adjourn

CHURCH DIRECTORY

ANTIOCH—Pastor, James R. Lail, Route 2, Taylorsville; Clerk, Warren Keller, R 1, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Wayne Austin, R. 2, Taylorsville; T. U. Director, Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, Route 2, Taylorsville; W. M. U., president, Mrs. Annie Meadlock, Route 2, Taylorsville; treasurer, Dewey Austin, Route 2, Taylorsville.

BETHLEHEM—Pastor, I. V. Couch, Route 1, Taylorsville; Clerk, Claude Bowman, Route 2, Hickory; Treasurer, Leo Bowman, Hickory; Sunday School Superintendent, Noah Lail, Route 1, Granite Falls; T. U. Director, Hal Teague, Route 1, Taylorsville, W. M. U. President, Mrs. Clyde Carrigan, Route 1, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Howard Teague, Route 1, Taylorsville.

BEULAH—Pastor, Asa Kerley, Moravian Falls; Clerk Henry McDuffie, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Harold Keever, Route 2, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Christine Loudermilk, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Ernest James Route 2, Hiddenite.

CALVARY—Pastor, Henkle Little, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. Nay Brookshire, Route 1, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. Nay Brookshire, Route 1, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Darrell Fox, Route 2 Taylorsville.

DAMASCUS—Pastor, Irvin Wallace, Route 2, Harmony; Clerk Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Route 2, Statesville; Treasurer, Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Route 2, Statesville; Sunday School Superintendent, Mrs. Dwight Johnson, Route 2, Hiddenite.

HIDDENITE—Pastor, Maurice Gilliam, Hiddenite; Clerk, Gerald Goble, Hiddenite; Treasurer, W. O. Goble, Hiddenite; Sunday School Superintendent, R. M. Grant, Route 3, Taylorsville; T. U. Director, Miss Ethel Mae Goble, Hiddenite; W. M. U. President, Mrs. Gladys Thomas, Hiddenite, Music Director, Hugh Welborn, Statesville.

LEBANON—Pastor, Paul McAlpine, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. James Watts, Route 4; Taylorsville; Treasurer, Miss Peggy Ann Fortner, Route 4, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, C. D. Poole, Route 4, Taylorsville.

LILEDOUN—Pastor,———;Clerk, Devon Dyson, Route 2, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Arthur Jenkins, Route 2, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Mrs. Clarissa Jenkins, Route 2, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Roland Chapman, Route 2, Taylorsville; Music Director, C. I. Chapman, Route 2, Taylorsville.

LINNEYS GROVE—Pastor, Irvin Wallace Route 2, Harmony; Clerk, Mrs. E. F. Millsaps, Route 1, Hiddenite; Treasurer, Sanford Hayes, Route Hiddenite; Sunday School Superintendent, Fred Hendren, Hiddenite.

LITTLE RIVER—Pastor, Wayne Hendren, Moravian Falls; Clerk, Edwin Teague, Taylorsville; Treasurer Nellda Rogers, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Joe McDuffie, Taylorsville.

MACEDONIA—Pastor, W. O. Warren, Hiddenite; Clerk, Mrs. Kermit Patterson, Route 1, Stony Point; Treasurer, Conrad Fox, Route 1, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Porter Mauney, Taylorsville; T. U. Director, Dale Warren, Hiddenite; Music Director, Redge Chapman, Taylorsville.

MILLERSVILLE—Pastor, Wade Rogers, Taylorsville; Clerk G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Ben Thompson, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville.

MT. HERMAN—Pastor, Herman Johnson, Taylorsville; Clerk, H. L. Gilleland, Route 2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, E. W. McBride, Route 4, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Kenneth Kerley, Route 4, Taylorsville; T. U. Director, Joe Price, Route 2, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Mrs. Ed McBride, Route 4, Taylorsville.

OXFORD MEMORIAL——Pastor, Fred Ellis, Route 1, Granite Falls; Clerk, Miss Millie Reid, Route 2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Pender Caldwell, Route 2, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Millard Brookshire, Route 2, Lenoir; T. U. Director, Mrs. Ward Pennell, Route 2, Taylorsville.

PILGRIM—Pastor————; Clerk, Richard Bustle, Moravian Falls; Treasurer, Leslie Millsaps, Hiddenite Route 1; Sunday School Superintendent, Paul Mayberry, Union Grove; Brotherhood President, Paul Mayberry, Union Grove.

PLEASANT HILL—Pastor, W. O. Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville; Clerk, Artie Sue Tevepaugh, Route 3, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Walter Harrington, Route 3, Taylorsville; Superintendent, Walter Harrington, Route 3, Taylorsville.

POPLAR SPRINGS—Pastor, W. O. Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. Roy Rogers, Route 4, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. Roy Rogers, Route 4, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Norris Bumgarner, Route 4, Taylorsville.

SMYRNA—Pastor, Horace Moree, Route 1, Taylorsville; Clerk, Waitsel Cline, Route 1, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. Marshall Fox, Route 1, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, W. L. Bowman, Route 1, Taylorsville; T. U. Director, Mrs. Estelle Eckard, Route 1, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Mrs. Horace Moree, Route 1, Taylorsville.

STONY POINT—Pastor, H. L. Good, Stony Point; Clerk, Vance Stikeleather, Route 1, Stony Point; Treasurer, Howard Norton Stony Point; Sunday School Superintendent, A. L. Stikeleather, tony Point; T. U. Director, Miss Annie Faires, Stony Point; W. M. U. President, Mrs. Tom Norton, Route 1, Stony Point; Brotherhood, President, Tom Norton, Route One, Stony Point; Music Director, A. F. Hegenbart, Statesville.

TAYLORSVILLE EAST—Pastor, R. L. Dixon, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. R. L. Dixon, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Glenn Davis, Route 1, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent; T. U. Director, Conley Pennell, Route 1, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Mrs. Lonzo Davis, Route 4, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Glenn Davis, Route 1, Taylorsville; Music director, Homer Daniels, Taylorsville.

TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST—Pastor, W. B. Pittard, Jr., Taylorsville; Clerk, A. C. Payne, Taylorsville; Treasurer, James Farthing, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, David Campbell, Taylorsville, T. U. Director, Miss Lucy Thompson, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Miss Lucy Echerd, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Henkle Mills, Taylorsville; Music Director, Miss Lucy Echerd, Taylorsville.

PROCEEDINGS

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

Of The

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

October 16th and 17th, 1957

1. The Alexander Baptist Association convented in its seventieth Annual Session with Macedonia Baptist Church, Wednesday, October 16, at 9:45 a. m. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. A. E. Watts.

2. Rev. Henkle Little led in singing "Amazing Grace", accompanied by Miss Lucy Echerd at the piano.

3. The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Asa Kerley.

4. The Moderator called for a roll call of the churches at this time.

5. Visitors were recognized at this time, consisting of Edd Powell, C. W. Baremore, R. F. Smith, and W. K. McGee.

6. The Moderator introduced Rev. Maurice Gilliam, who presented the program and moved its adoption.

7. Committees were appointed at this time, (listed elsewere).

8. Mr. Good was introduced by the Moderator. He gave a report of the work of the Baptist Association. He also introduced a proposed budget for the coming year.

9. Jeffie Daniels gave a report on the Orphanage and moved the adoption. R. F. Smith spoke to this report. (adopted).

10. J. R. Lail gave a report on Christian literature and moved the adoption. Mr. Lail introduced C. W. Baremore, from the Biblical Recorder, who spoke to this report. This report was adopted.

11. H. L Good gave a report on the Baptist Hospital The adoption was moved. Rev. Good introduced W. K. McGee, who spoke to this report. The report was adopted.

12. Bro. Little led in singing 'Love Lifted Me", accompanied by Miss Echerd

Rev. W. O. Warren preached the Annual Sermon, using Romans 1: 14-16 as the text and "That The World May Know" as the topic of his sermon.

14. The morning session was adjourned as Bro. Lail led in prayer, including thanks for the food prepared by the host church.

Wednesday Afternoon

15. At 1:15 o'clock the Association reconvened. Bro. Little led in singing "Send The Light".

16. Rev. Fred Ellis of Oxford Memorial led in the devotion.

17. Visitors were recognized at this time consisting of C. T. Gatty, W. A. Spradley, and Herman Idala.

18. The report on missions was given by Mrs. Hafer, in the absence of Miss Evelyn Keller. The adoption of this report was moved. C. F. Gatty spoke to this report. This report was adopted.

19. A report on the Sunday School was given by Edd K. Elliott. The adoption of this report was moved. Herman Ihdala was introduced and spoke to this report. The report was adopted.

20. A report on Training Union was given by Mrs. Earl Teague. The adoption was moved. Mrs. Teague introduced Mr. W. A. Spradley who spoke to this report. This report was adopted.

21. A. D. Lindsay gave a report on the Brotherhood. The adoption was moved. Mr. Lindsay also spoke to this report. This report was adopted.

22. Bro. Watts stated that the business session will be taken care of on the second day of the association.

23. Bro. Gatty led in prayer and the association adjourned to meet with the First Baptist Church for the next session.

Thursday Morning

At First Baptist Church Taylorsville

24. The second day's session began at 9:45 at the First Baptist Church.

25. Bro. Henkle Little led in singing "Blessed Assurance" accompanied by Miss Echerd at the piano.

26. Bro. W. B. Pittard, the host pastor led in the morning devotion, using the second chapter of Phillipians.

27. Visitors were recognized at this time. Bro. Hauss of Shelby, Bro. Cline of Washington, D. C., Bro. Smith of Mars Hill College and Bro. Cobett of Marion.

28. Attention was called to our Digest of Church letters at this time.

29. Bro. J. A. Isenhour gave the report on the Baptist Home for the Aging and moved that it be adopted. Bro. Cobett spoke to this report.

30. Bro. W. O. Johnson gave the report on Allied Church League and moved its adoption. Bro. Hauss spoke to this report. report adopted.

31. Bro. Watts asked Bro. W. O. Johnson to take over as Moderator at this time while he met with a special committee.

32. Bro. Love Dixon gave the report on Christian Education and moved its adoption. Bro. Elliott spoke to this report.

33. Dr. Elliott recognized Bro. Smith from Mars Hill College.

34. Bro. Little recognized Bro. Powell who led in singing "Onward Christian Soldiers".

35. Bro. Pittard was recognized at this time and offered words of welcome to all.

36. At this time Mrs. M. H. Gilliam sang a solo, "The Light Of The World Is Jesus."

37. Bro. I. V. Couch brought the morning message using Luke 10.

38. Bro. Couch led in prayer offering thanks for our noon meal and the session adjourned for lunch.

Thursday Afternoon

39. Bro. Little led in singing "When We All Get To Heaven".

40. Bro. Horace Moree led in the afternoon devotion.

41. Bro. Guy Cain was recognized at this time and said a few words.

42. Bro. H. I. Johnson gave the report on vacation Bible School and moved that it be adopted. Bro. Johnson spoke to this report. Report adopted.

43. Miss Lucy Echerd gave a report on Church Music and moved its adoption. Miss Echerd spoke to this report. Report adopted.

44. The Moderator asked for a report from various committees.

45. Bro. W. O. Johnson brought the recommendations from committee for the election of officers. (names listed elsewhere in the minutes). Bro. Johnson moved the said officers to be elected.

46. In the absence of Bro. H. I. Johnson, Rev. Watts brought the report on time, place, and preacher.. Report adopted..

47. Bro. I. V. Couch brought the report from the committee on resolutions.

47. Bro. A. E. Watts stated that the report from the historian was not ready and would be printed in the minutes.

49. The Moderator asked for miscellaneous business at this time.

50. Bro. H. L. Good made a motion a committee be appointed and make changes necessary in our constitution.

51. Bro. C. E. Echerd gave history of Taylorsville First Church.

52. Motion was made that we adjourn. Bro. Watts asked all officers for coming year to stand at front and prayer of dedication was offered. This prayer was led by Rev. Dixon.

53. Bro Henkel Little led in singing a closing song, "In The Sweet By and By", and the seventieth annual session of the Alexander Baptist Association came to a close.

RESOLUTIONS

Therefore, be it resolved that we the messengers of the Alexander Baptist Association give a rising vote of thanks to the Macedonia and First Baptist Church, Taylorsville, for their most delightful service.

B. Resolution of Appreciation of Program:

Whereas the Program Committee has perpared an inspiring informative program,

Therefore, be it resolved that we express our appreciation to:

1. To the program committee for preparing the program.

2. To each person who has had a part in making this, the seventieth session of the Alexander Baptist Association, a success.

C. Resolution of Appreciation to Moderator and Clerk:

Be it resolved that we the messengers of this association express our heart felt gratitude to Rev. A. E. Watts, Moderator and Rev. W. O. Warren, Clerk, for the fine service rendered.

Respectfully submitted,
I. V. Couch, chairman
Ward Pennell
Waitsel C. Cline

Alexander Baptist Associational Sunday School Report To The Alexander Baptist Association

Jesus established the Church. In Matt. 28: 19-20, He commissioned it to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded.

A Sunday School functioning properly will teach the Bible. When the Bible is taught effectively we will reach more people and win them to Christ and into Christian service for our Lord.

In June of this year an Associational Sunday School Department was organized for all departments. Cradle Roll through the Extension Department. A program and goals were set for the remainder of this year. Meetings were set for each quarter.

Our greatest need is for trained workers, which is in the program for this coming year.

There were only forty-five requests for training rewards for this year.

Respectively submitted,
Edd K. Elliott, Sr.

Report On Vacation Bible School

As in 1956 we are happy to report the best year in Vacation Bible School our association has ever known. We had a total of 13. schools this past summer, an increase of one over last year. We had a total enrollment of 1387 pupils and faculty members, with an average attendance of 1250.

There were 30 professions of Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, 105 Dedications, and a mission offering of $278.98.

Liledoun Baptist Church had an adult department in their Vacation Bible School, with an enrollment of 29 adults.

We were very fortunate to have Miss Kay Adams again this year to work with us in our Vacation Bible School work. Miss Adams has done a very fine job in this field of work for the past two summers, our entire association has been greatly helped by her untiring efforts in this field.

Despite the fact that our Vacation Bible Schools are growing each year, there are still a goodly number of children in our association who are not enrolled in these schools.

With the State Convention Department of Missions assisting our association in the expense of our Vacation Bible Schools, we owe it to God, ourselves and our children to attempt next year to have a school in every Baptist church in the Alexander Association. Let me remind you again, that now is the time to begin to prepare for a great Vacation Bible School year in 1958.

Respectfully submitted,
Herman I. Johnson

Training Union Report

I am happy for the Privilege of bringing you the T. U. report for 1957. We now have ten churches with a T. U., with an enrollment of approximately 300. Four of these training unions were organized during the past year. They are Bethlehem, Mt. Herman, Macedonia, Smyrna. We are deeply grateful that our people are beginning to feel a need for training in church membership.

During the past year we requested 631 study course awards for these 10 churches. One church requested 237 of these awards. This church has the largest T. U. enrollment but not the largest Sunday School. We see when our people have the opportunity to study and learn how to better serve our Lord they respond.

This is progress that has been made in the past year. But let us look for a moment at the work yet to be done. We have eleven churches that are yet dark on Sunday evenings. These churches have men and women who need to be engaged in Bible Study. They have boys and girls who need to be learning of the work of our missionaries, the meaning of baptism and the Lord's Supper. Many of these young people need to be told God can use their lives in

Christian service if they will let him. A training union can help you to do this in your church if you will let it.

This is progress tht has been made in the past year. But let us enrollment is 800. This means there are 3,372 people not enrolled in T. U. Truly this is a great task and yet our Lord with only 11 faithful desciples set about winning a lost world. We have the workers who are both capable and willing. Won't you prayerfully consider the needs of your church and let us help you organize a training union.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Earl Teague

It has been said that "Music is the Universal Language of Mankind."

A Christian hymn is man's high and holy thoughts about God, mixed with his soul's deep longing, his prayers, his faith and his call to duty and service. Christian hymns are the voice of the people of God.

"O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord all the earth" Psalm 96.1. Christian churches have always used music as a medium of worshiping, teaching, and evangelizing. During the past few years there has come a renewed awakening to the value of good music in God's work. With the coming of this interest, there came a demand for help in a denomination-wide music education program. In 1946 a group of music leaders met to make the first plans for a music program for Southern Baptist. We now have in our state, Mr. Joe Stroud as our music leader. Last April at East Taylorsville he met with the Pastors Conference to talk to them about improving the church music in Alexander Association.

We now have under way, plans for two important events for all the people of our churches. The first is a carol sing on the court house square on December 23rd, when all the Baptist of the Association will come together to sing Christmas carols and renew the real Christmas spirit of love and good will to all mankind.

Then in March 1958, Mr. Stroud will come to help us have the first Association-wide music school at First Church for everyone in our churches who loves music and would like to learn more about it. The date is March 17th through 21st and we hope you will mark that date and let nothing interfere with your coming.

Your Music Education Committee is:

Director—Miss Lucy Echerd
Pastor Advisor—M. H. Gilliam
Graded Choir Activities—Mrs. I. V. Couch.
Congregational Activities—Alex Hagenbart
Instrumental Activities—Mrs. W. W. Harrington
Training
Publicity and Promotion

Report On Christian Education

The Baptists of our Convention have undertaken a big educational job, for which our people are to be congratulated.

In accordance with our Baptist ideals and principles, we are impressed by the growth and vision of North Carolina Baptists.

The seven Baptist colleges of North Carolina expect to receive through the Cooperative program this year $1,097,740. This sum will be divided as follows: Wake Forest, $334,307; Meredith, $191,973; Chowan, $77,312; Mars Hill, $157,778; Campbell, $131,725; Gardner-Webb, $101,445; Wingate, $103,200.

The enrollment of these colleges is approximately 6,000. Of this number many are in constant need of gifts or student loans to enable them to complete their college education.

Wake Forest College operated on its new 300-acre campus in Winston-Salem for the first time during the year just closed. Two-thirds of the campus is complete. It is hoped the total campus will will be completed by 1966. During the year 2,272 students were enrolled. For the 1957-58 session approximately 200 more will be accepted. Several additions have been made to the faculty to take care of this added enrollment.

Campbell College is now trying to raise $250,000 for a badly needed expansion program.

The major need of Chowan College is dormitory space, as they have just completed a science-math building and a student center building.

Gardner-Webb has just completed a new girl's dormitory and has contracted for a new recreation center.

Mars Hill has also launched a campaign for building and to beautify the grounds.

Meredith has erected a new liberal arts building. Plans are being prepared for a badly needed new science building.

Wingate has a new health center, dining room, a girl's dormitory and new sewage disposal plant. The teachers of Wingate have been given salary raises of 40 per cent since 1953; however, they are still below those of public schools.

Not only do our schools need financial aid, they need the prayers, sympathetic interest, and encouragement of all Baptists of North Carolina. Let us, therefore, be ever mindful of the need of Christian education for our students.

Respectfully submitted,
H. L. Good

Children's Home Report

We are glad that we have a home for dependent children and for what it has done and is doing, but the need is never fully met. In the year of 1956, 813 applications were made. One hundred and sixty-nine were admitted to some phase of the program, only one fifth of the applications.

If we Baptists could go in person and see their need and hear their helpless cry, surely the story would be far different from what it is now. It is thought that North Carolina Baptists ought to care for at least 1000 dependent children annually.

There is more than one way to support the Children's Homes, but the emphasis is now on the Thanksgiving offering to meet the challenging needs of the dependent children. This offering should be increased about 20 per cent.

I wish to thank each one who has given apples in the past years and made the coming of a truck from the home a success. I trust the Lord will bless you for your fine co-operation. I do not know the value or the amount of bushels, but I understand the amount was near 200 bushels each time. If anyone who wishes to share in this giving of fruit to the children, needs my help in making plans to get them delivered, I will be glad to assist.

I want to urge each pastor and messenger to this association to go back to your churches and try to reach the increased amount needed so we can say yes to those to whom they have been having to say no.

The Almighty heard the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah and He hears the cry of a needy child. We need to spend less for entertainment and amusement and more for the things that will bring us blessing for time and for eternity.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffie Daniels

The Brotherhood Report

During the past year the Brotherhood movement of our Association has made progress. A brotherhood has recently been organized at Pilgrim church with twenty men enrolled. This gives us a brotherhood organization in eight of the churches of the Alexander Association with a total enrollment of one hundred and seventy-six. These men of the brotherhood are at present taking over the leadership of the training of our R. A. boys.

With this report we make the following recommendations:

1. That we put forth a sincere effort to organize an active brotherhood in every church of our association.

2. That every church brotherhood strive to enroll every male member 17 years of age and over as active members.

3. That the brotherhoods of our association make every effort possible to do a thorough job of enlisting and training every available boy of our churches as R. A.'s.

4 That all brotherhood activities be under the supervision of the local or acting pastor.

Respectfully submitted,
A. D. Lindsey

Report Of N. C. Baptist Homes For Aging

This, the seventh year of operation of the Baptist Homes for the Aging, has been the greatest year of expansion, thanks to our Lord for His continued favor, and the North Carolina Baptists for their increased support.

The new Administration and Residential building was opened June 13. All rooms are now occupied, except four in the infirmary, which are reserved for residents who will need them.

The new building increased facilities to 112 residents, counting residents at Resthaven and the Albemarle Home. It, also, added half million dollars to the value of the assets of the Homes for the Aging.

A total of about eighty-five thousand dollars has been received from the February Special Day Offering. This represents an average gift of ten (10c) cents per Baptist—850,000 in number.

The challenge facing the Homes for the Aging at present is to finish paying for the new building, although the Baptist State Convention authorized that the Homes might borrow up to one hundred, seventy-five thousand ($175,000) dollars to finish paying for the construction and eqquipping the new building on Reynolds Park Road. Actually, it was not necessary to borrow but one hundred thousand ($100,000) dollars. Surely, with all North Carolina Baptists responding with a generous Special Day Offering on the third Sunday of February, 1958, and with continued gifts coming from other sources as they have been in the past, this balance of one hundred thousand ($100,000) dollars should be paid within the year. Accordingly, if every pastor and superintendent of the Sunday School will urge the members of each church to respond to this worthy cause, the Baptist Homes for the Aging would be free of debt by the end of the year, 1958.

Respectfully submitted,
J. A. Isenhour

Report On Christian Literature

A great man of wisdom once said, "That Reading Makes the Man." From the Bible we hear God's word saying, "Give attention to reading." Paul's last request of Timothy was that his "books" and especially his parchments, be brought to him in his Roman prison cell. Johns last message to the church carried these words "Blessed is he that readeth". These four quotations reveal the importance of reading in the life of any individual.

If it is true, as we believe that it is, that a persons Character and conduct, his habits and thoughts, yea his very way of life is influenced by what he reads, then it stands to reason that we must choose very carefully our reading materials. This is especially true of children, young people and christian believers in a day such as ours when so much unclean and obscene literature, dressed in multi-colored covers, projects itself at us from almost every newssand.

When we think of "Christian Literature" I am sure that we Baptist agree that the Bible is the first book and heads the list of our must reading, but we as Baptist are blessed as no other people with an abundance of good Christian literature. Let us list just a few pieces of our literature.

1. There is the Biblical Recorder, our state paper. The Recorder has been in print for 123 years informing, inspiring and challenging our people. It brings before our people every phase of our Baptist life and work. It can be had for $2.50 a year for single copies, $2.00 per year in clubs of four and $1.50 per year in the every family church plan.

2. We have Charity and Children. As we all know this paper is printed by our Orphanage but carries information concerning all our work.

Both our Foreign and Home mission boards publish magazines dealing with their part in our Baptist program. These magazines are "The Commission" and "Home Missions".

4. Our Sunday School Board supplies our churches with the very best of quarterlies for both Sunday School and Training Union. Home Life is a magazine to bless and help any family. Good books of all kind and for all ages are also made available by our Sunday School Board.

There is no reason for any Baptist reading anything less than the very best in Christian literature.

In closing this report there are two words:
1. Make use of this good literature that is available to us.
2. Support the American Bible Society which makes the Bible available to the whole world.

Respectfully submitted,
James R. Lail

North Carolina Baptist Hospital Report

Our North Carolina Baptist Hospital is dedicated to the service of those in need of medical care, the education of young people in various branches of medical service, and the bearing of a Christian witness throughout North Carolina and the world.

Once more it has set a new record in its ministry to sick people. Last year it provided 123,000 days of bed care for 15,784 patients. were 61,000 visits to the out-patient clinics and 60,000 visits to the private clinics. Service patients came from 92 of the 100 counties of our State. This represents specialized medical care in twenty-five different fields of medicine and surgery. It represents the services of skilled medical specialists and special equipment in each of these fields. It represents a medical staff and equipment which, because of the many skills and the large investment involved, cannot be provided except in such a medical center. It provides medical services of the highest order for our people in North Carolina, whatever their financial circumstances may be.

The new Cobalt machine is in full operation, providing treatment for about 35 cancer patients each day. Our very fine plastic surgeon is doing highly skilled work, and our heart surgeon has performed successfully some of the newest and most difficult heart operations known. These services are typical of those offered by our Baptist Hospital.

If a person wishes to go to the Baptist Hosiptal for treatment, it is necessary that an appoinment be made in advance. When an appointment is requested, accurate information must be given as to the general nature of the patient's problem and whether he needs to go through the out-patient clinic, rather than as a private or full-pay patient. The out-patient department is open to persons who are not able to pay the full cost of their medical care. In cases of emergency, or the need for immediate hospitalization, a local physician should always call or write the hospital in order that he may be given the medical information required before the proper arrangements can be made. If a person will not be able to pay his full hospital bill when he leaves the hospital, definite financial arrangements should be made when he is admitted to the hospital and not left until later. This can prevent misunderstanding and unnecessary hardship.

It appears now that our churches of the State have made their largest Mother's Day offering this year. We are grateful for this because the needs for help have been greater than they have ever been before. Let us share in the ministry of our Baptist Hospital by giving generously of our prayers, our love, and our money.

Respectfully submitted
H. L. Good

Allied Church League Report

Habakkuk 2: 15 "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink. That puttest thy bottle to him.

How long shall we tolerate these conditions?

Which do exist in our own state, and a number of our countys have A.B.C. stores. Where the sell liquor, wine and beer.

This condition would have existed in the town of Taylorsville if the people would have sat still.

But the good citizens took a stand against this evil. Thank God for people who can see what strong drink will do.

All that is necessary for the triumph of evils is that good men do nothing.

The defination of "Tolerate" is "to endue; permit; allow so as not to hinder." Whatever conditions exist in our state do so by the permission of the good people.

Respectfully submitted,
W. O. Johnson

Womans Missionary Union Report

During the past year progress has been made in the Woman's Missionary Union in the Alexander Association was organized at Smyrna Baptist church with sixteen members. We now have ten churches in the association with Women's Missionary Unions. Antioch and East Taylorsville churches have every member subscribing to the Royal Service Magazine. This was one of our goals this year.

Our 1957 general meeting was held with the Hiddenite Baptist Church, April 30th, with the best attendance we have ever had. Mrs. Robert Standley, Missionary to Brazil; Mrs. A. L. Parker, State vice president; and Mrs. Earl James, Regional Superintendent, were guest speakers.

We are planning an Associational Girl's Auxiliary Coronation Service on the fourth Sunday night in October to be held with the Hiddenite Baptist Church. This will be the first one in the Association. We will have one G. A. girl receiving Queen of the Scepter. Several of our girls attended the State G. A. Camp this summer. Ten young people have dedicated their lives to full time christian service this year. We are proud of and grateful for our young people they will be our leaders of tomorrow.

Many of our W. M. U. ladies attended the State W. M. U. meeting in Charlotte, the officers training school in Wingate, the W. M. U. Regional Conference in Wilkesboro, and W. M. U. week in Ridgecrest this year. We are thankful that our women are seeing the needs of mission work.

Our mission offering this year, given through women's Missionary Union, was $3,885.81. We are thankful to God for this amount, but we realize that it could have been more. Won't you do more for mission causes this year?

We are proud of each achievement during the year but we have much room for growth. Won't you help us make 1958 the best year yet in Women's Missionary Union?

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Keller

Report Of Committee On Nominations

Moderator ..... H. L. Good
Vice Moderator ..... J. A. Icenhour
Clerk ..... W. O. Warren
Treasurer ..... James B. Farthing
Historian ..... Chas. E. Echerd
W. M. U. Superintendent ..... Miss Evelyn Keller
B. T. U. Director ..... Mrs. Earl Teague
Brotherhood president ..... A. D. Lindsay
Sunday School Superintendent ..... Edd Elliott
Music Director ..... Miss Lucy Echerd
Evangelism ..... W. B. Pittard, Jr.
Orphanage Representative ..... H. I. Johnson
Hospital Representative ..... James W. Teague
Home for the Aging Representative ..... R. Love Dixon
Mission Committee—I. V. Couch, J. R. Lail, Henkle Little.

Respectfully submitted,
W. O. Johnson, chairman
Leslie Millsaps
Mack I. Little

History Of Macedonia Church

According to the records furnished me by W. Fred Brookshire, taken from the minutes of the Lewis Fork Baptist Association that met October 5, 1836 at Lower Creek, (Caldwell County), Macedonia was represented by Vandiver Teague and John Teague as messengers, they report eight members, five male and three female, so it is supposed that Macedonia was organized as a church shortly before that date. Macedonia was received as a member of the Lewis Fork Association. No pastor was mentioned at that time. In their report to the Association from 1841 to 1844, Smith Ferguson was mentioned as the pastor, from 1847 to 1849 Wm. Garner was mentioned as pastor.

In the history of Macedonia, written by W. S. McLeod, historian for the minutes of October 1904, he says that besides, Ferguson and Garner already mentioned the following pastors served this church: Richards, J. W. Jones, James Reid and William Pool to 1869, after that date to 1904, others were: W. A. Pool, Wm. Pool, James Kerley, J. B. Pool, E. David, L. P. Gwaltney, J. A. White, J. J. Beach, J. M. Shaver, and W. J. Bumgarner. That record says that Wm. Gryder served as clerk for 27 years, I. M. Crouch for three years, Hosea Christopher for 27 years followed by P. E. Chatham. The Association met at Macedonia again in 1922, but no histroy. The Association met at Macedonia again October 4, 1933. G. L. Chatham historian says other pastors to that date were: D. W. Pool, J. W. Watts, B. F. Austin, S. I. Watts, J. E. Chatham served as clerk to February 1915, J. M. Fox to March 1927, J. W. Fincannon to December 1929, followed by W. P. Smith, at his death Mrs. Kermit Patterson was selected as clerk and still serves. The pastor following S. I. Watts were: T. Elbert Payne, E. V. Bumgarner, Wade Rogers and since the fall of 1953 Otha Warren has led the church into larger usefulness. In 1956, with the old frame church as a start the congregation built practically a new brick-veneer building with a number of Sunday school rooms, a basement and modern conveniences.

Macedonia has the distinction of being the church at which our Alexander Baptist Association held its first annual meeting October 1, 1887, with J. W. Hendren as moderator and W. E. White as clerk. This 1957 meeting is the fifth to be held at this church.

Chas. E. Echerd, Historian

History Of First Baptist Church, Taylorsville

A history of the First Baptist Church, Taylorsville, N. C. written at this time, would in a large measure, be a repetition of histories appearing in our minutes of the past as follows: 1892 by J. B. Pool, 1913 by W. S.. McLeod, 1925 by A. C. Payne, 1943 by E. V. Bumgarner and 1952 by Chas E. Echerd. If persons reading this are interested in the history of First Church, Taylorsville and have not preserved the minutes of the above dates, they are invited to come by the office of Taylorsville Building and Loan Association to read or copy the records on file there.

This church was organized on October 6, 1851 by members of Little River church from whom fellowship was withdrawn because a young preacher, John W. Jones had joined the "Sons of Temperance". When the vote was taken 30 members voted to retain Jones in their membership, so then the 30 that voted to retain Jones were also excommunicated.

These 31 members were joined by twenty others from surrounding territory, who found themselves in the same situation for the same reason or were in sympathy with this group and what they stood for, so the charter members numbered 51 whites and four negroes.

The names and ages of these charter members are on a bronze plaque in the vestibule of the church, placed there at the time of the centennial program, held October 7, 1951, by the descendants of the charter members.

In the Preamble, they say: 'We believe that it is no violation of the word of God for any member of the church of Christ to join any of the Benevolent Institutions of the Day, so called, that is, Bible Tract or Missionary Societies, Sunday School Union, or any society having for its object the promotion of the causes of temperance.

Article Number 1.. of their constitution reads: This church shall have no authority to deprive any member of church privileges without evidences of sin or a violation of the moral precepts of the Gospel..

We have no record of the meeting place for this organization, but we could presume it was at the new Court House. The county was laid off in 1847, just four years before.

The Presbytery was composed of R. Gentry and S. P. Smith. Benjamin Watts and E. C. Harrington were "called to the office Deacons", Elder Smith Ferguson was "called to the Pastoral care of the church for the next year", Benjamin Watts and Sion Harring-

ton were appointed Trustees. David W. Moose E. C. Harrington and L. H. Jones "were appointed commissioners to superintend the building of a Meeting House".

This church with its Missionary Spirit and forward look, became the nucleus of the new Taylorsville Baptist Association organized at Beaver Creek in 1852.

It must have been this influence that brought together the Taylorsville, the Lewis Fork and the Lower Creek Associations to form the United Baptist Association in 1859. It must have been this influence that with help of the Baptist State Convention prompted and built the United Baptist Institute, later called Taylorsville Collegiate Institute, for the education of Baptist preachers. This school opened in early 1856 with James H. Foote, A. M., in charge. In 1857 some of the teachers beside Mr.. Foote were James H. Hill, T. F. Grimes and W. R. Gwaltney. This school and this church for half a century worked closely together, quite often the President of the school was pastor of the church. The original school building, now a part of the Taylorsville school plant and the five acres of ground on which it stood were sold to the Alexander school board about 1913 for $1,000.

The list of the pastors and clerks of this church were given in the 1952 minutes that said that David C. Boaz began his pastorate January 1, 1952. He served for five years to December 31, 1956. When Brother Boaz came as pastor, this church owed approximately $42,000 on the reconstruction of the church auditorium and the three story educational building started in 1948. This debt was paid off in four years—to January 1, 1956. In 1956 an additional sum of $12,500 was borrowed to lay carpets and other floor covering, to buy seats for the balcony and other furniture and equipment. This last amount is now reduced to about $6,000.

The church had as interim pastor from January 1957 to August 1957 Rev. James Peck of Lenoir. Rev. Bill Pittard of Lynchburg, Va., came to us as pastor August 18, 1957. A. C. Payne continues as church clerk.

The church is valued at $150,000 and the parsonage at $10,000. The present membership of the church is 475.

Chas. E. Echerd, Historian

ADDITIONAL NOTES

The Alexander Baptist Association was formed at Macedonia Baptist Church, meeting for the first time September 30th and October 1-2, 1887.

The associational year closes with the last service in September or the 30th day.

Remember all reports should be kept within one page as it appears in the minutes if possible.

Church clerks should be very careful in filling out the associational letters.. It is the only record we have of your church.

The Alexander Ministers Conference meets on Monday following the Third Sunday of each month. The officers of the conference are A. E. Watts, Moderator and W. O. Warren Secretary and Treasurer.

PASTORS ATTENDING SCHOOL

LEBANON—Paul McAlpine ..... Fruitland
MACEDONIA—W. O. Warren ..... Fruitland
SMYRNA—Horace Moree ..... Fruitland

MINISTERS ORDAINED THIS YEAR

HIDDENITE—W. O. Goble, Jr.
LILEDOUN—Paul McAlpine

CHAIRMAN OF DEACONS

ANTIOCH—Warren Keller, Route 1 Taylorsville
BETHLEHEM—Ray Sherrill, Route 1, Granite Falls
BEULAH—Henry McDuffie, Taylorsville
CALVARY—Dwight Warren, Taylorsville
DAMASCUS
HIDDENITE—Herman Sherrill, Route 1, Hiddenite
LEBANON—C. D. Poole, Route 4, Taylorsville
LILEDOUN—Mack Little, Route 2, Taylorsville.
LINNEYS GROVE—Jay Gwaltney, Hickory.
LITTLE RIVER—Lindsay Brown, Taylorsville
MACEDONIA—Porter Mauney, Taylorsville.
MILLERSVILLE—Ben Thompson, Taylorsville.
MT. HERMAN—Kenneth Kerley, Route 4, Taylorsville.
OXFORD MEMORIAL—Pender Caldwell, Route 2, Taylorsville.
PILGRIM—G. W. Mayberry, Route 1, Union Grove.
PLEASANT HILL—Paul Harrington, Taylorsville.
POPLAR SPRINGS—Ed Crouch, Route 4, Taylorsville
SMYRNA—Glenn Lail, Route 4, Taylorsville
STONY POINT
TAYLORSVILLE, EAST—Bob Meredith, Route 1, Taylorsville.
TAYLORSVILLE, FIRST—Grover Dobbins, Taylorsville

IN MEMORIUM

ANTIOCH—Vance Teague

BETHLEHEM—W. D. Hall, Mrs. Layfatte Teague.

BEULAH—Barney Gant.

CALVARY—Mrs. Sherman Gant, Jay Tedder.

DAMASCUS—Mrs. America McLelland Johnson, June Gooden.

HIDDENITE—Mrs. H. L. Lackey, Mrs. Nettie Hendren.

LEBANON—L. C. Bumgarner.

LILEDOUN—Edd Carrigan

MOUNT HERMON—E. E. Johnson, Mrs. George Echerd

OXFORD MEMORIAL—Mrs. Irene Benfield.

PILGRIM—Perry Lowrance, Fredy Mayberry, Mrs. Frankie Connolly.

PLEASANT HILL—Mrs. Evlina Childers, Elisha Daniels

STONY POINT—P. O. Stewart, George Chapman, Mrs. James Byers.

EAST TAYLORSVILLE—Lonzo Childers, Kenneth Little, L. C. Bostian.

FIRST TAYLORSVILLE—Miss Martha Chapman, Graydon Earp, J. W. McDuffie, Dennis Teague, Mrs. Mary Belle Leckie.

CHOIR DIRECTORS AND PIANISTS

Church	Choir Director	Pianist or Organist
Antioch	W. R. Austin	Mrs. Sue Austin
Bethlehem	Mrs. I. V. Couch	Mrs. Howard Teague
Beulah	Escar Bowman	Mrs. Eunice Bowman
Calvary	Nay Brookshire	Craig Little
Damascus	R. A. Wilson	Miss Elain Wilson
Hiddenite	Hugh Welborn	Miss Barbara Grant
Lebanon	J. P. Watts	Shirley Watts
Liledoun	C. I. Chapman	Miss Jane Jenkins
Linneys Grove	H. J. Gwaltney	Blenda Millsaps
Little River	Roy Neal Barnes	Louise Chapman
Macedonia	Redge Chapman	Mrs. Marie Brinkley
Millersville	G. S. Hampton	Mrs. G. S. Hampton
Mt. Hermon	Raeford Bowman	Mrs. Fay Carrigan
Oxford Memorial	Kelly White	Jerry Ramsey
Pilgrim	W. G. Mayberry	Roena Hayes
Pleasant Hill	Walter Harrington	Phyllis Burke
Poplar Springs	Butler Chapman	Miss Brenda Walker
Smyrna	Robert Echerd	Miss Betty Teague
Stony Point	A. F. Hegenbart	Mrs. Bill Goodson
Taylorsville, East	Homer Daniels	Miss Margie Russell
Taylorsville, First	Miss Lucy Echerd	Mrs. W. W. Harrington

TABLE II. THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS AND ADDRESSES	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Adults (25-34)	Adults (35 and up)	Extension Department	Officers not Counted in Classes & Depts.	Mission SS Enrollment	Grand Total Sunday School Enrolment	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average Attendance Vacation Bible School	January Bible Study	Number Teaching Schools
Antioch	Wayne Austin, Taylorsville, Rt 2..	0	33	25	34	50	43	0	25	30	94	20	5	0	359	245	138	132	no	1
Bethlehem	Noah Lail, Granite Falls, Rt 1....	0	13	14	9	16	20	9	14	27	41	0	0	0	195	153	90	82	yes	1
Beulah	Harold Keever, Taylorsville, Rt 2.	0	0	20	25	16	13	0	27	0	28	0	0	0	129	85	89	82	no	0
Calvary	Darrell Fox, Taylorsville, Rt 2...	0	0	20	25	28	17	10	50	0	38	0	0	0	188	148	95	87	no	0
Damascus	Dwight Johnson, Hiddenite, Rt 2...	0	9	5	7	7	7	5	4	4	42	0	0	0	90	58	62	53	no	0
Hiddenite	R. M. Grant, Taylorsville, Rt 3...	0	8	9	11	21	19	5	9	0	71	14	3	0	170	114	150	132	yes	0
Lebanon	C. D. Poole, Taylorsville, Rt 4...	0	0	12	4	10	10	0	0	20	0	0	6	0	63	45	0	0	no	0
Liledoun	Arthur Jenkins, Taylorsville, Rt 2	0	0	38	38	38	37	38	0	0	76	0	0	0	265	225	...	...	no	0
Linney's Grove	Fred Hendren, Hiddenite	0	0	12	9	18	18	27	29	31	43	0	0	0	185	110	60	55	no	0
Little River	Joe McDuffie, Taylorsville	0	0	20	22	21	15	14	17	46	0	0	0	0	155	96	0	0	no	0
Macedonia	Porter Mauney, Taylorsville	0	0	19	10	24	22	..	12	48	40	0	2	0	175	130	74	64	no	0
Millersville	C. S. Hampton, Taylorsville	0	0	15	0	15	15	0	0	11	15	0	0	0	76	35	0	0	no	0
Mount Herman	Kenneth Kerley, Taylorsville, Rt 4	3	12	6	18	21	22	9	45	25	17	0	3	0	181	135	89	87	no	0
Oxford Memoiral	Millard Brookshire, Lenoir, Rt 2..	0	4	12	26	11	23	11	26	0	35	0	3	0	121	85	79	75	no	1
Pilgrim	Paul Mayberry, Union Grove	4	0	12	6	14	22	28	0	35	35	0	0	0	154	105	0	0	no	0
Pleasant Hill	Walter Harrington, Taylorsville...	0	0	17	32	16	15	27	0	0	67	0	3	0	177	101	0	0	no	0
Poplar Springs	Norris Bumgarner, Taylorsville....	0	0	27	0	0	24	16	20	0	32	0	0	0	119	...	0	0	no	0
Smyrna	W. L. Bowman, Taylorsville, Rt 1..	0	25	8	10	11	0	11	9	12	18	0	3	0	107	73	85	82	yes	0
Stony Point	A. L. Stikeleather, Stony Point...	0	34	21	30	56	47	62	0	147	100	0	9	0	506	276	120	85	yes	0
Taylorsville, East.	Edd K. Elliott, Taylorsville.....	16	15	21	33	54	42	41	0	46	94	35	5	20	422	211	161	135	yes	1
Taylorsville, First	David Campbell, Taylorsville.....	10	31	18	41	40	45	30	0	0	186	15	5	0	421	253	112	102	no	0

TABLE III. TRAINING UNION

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTOR Mrs. Earl Teague TRAINING UNION DIRECTORS AND ADDRESSES	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Adults, 25-34	Adults, 35 and up	Mission Enrolment	General Officers Enrolled	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance	Observe Youth Week?
Antioch	Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, Taylorsville, Rt 2	10	12	13	43	35	10	...	19	27	...	3	172	123	...
Bethlehem	Hal M. Teague, Taylorsville, Rt 1	5	15	11	23	14	..	...	..	31	...	3	102	71	yes
Hiddenite	Miss Ethel Mae Goble, Hiddenite	..	..	6	18	18	6	...	..	16	...	2	66	49	yes
Macedonia	Dale Warren, Hiddenite	..	5	8	6	10	..	...	21	..	...	...	50	34	no
Mount Herman	Joe Price, Taylorsville, Rt 2	8	13	14	24	16	8	0	20	10	0	3	116	105	no
Oxford Memorial	Mrs. Ward Pennell, Taylorsville, Rt 2	8	11	13	12	16	9	...	..	10	...	4	83	41	no
Smyrna	Mrs. Estelle Eckard, Taylorsville, Rt 1	12	..	..	13	..	10	...	..	14	...	3	52	44	no
Stony Point	Miss Anne Faires, Stony Point	12	..	..	29	28	25	...	6	16	0	4	120	70	yes
Taylorsville, East	Mr. Conley Pennell, Taylorsville, Rt 1	4	..	5	14	20	2	...	21	16	...	3	89	20	yes
Taylorsville, First	Miss Lucy Thompson, Taylorsville	..	..	..	22	14	13	...	16	..	...	4	69	32	yes

TABLE V. BROTHERHOOD WORK

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD PRESIDENT - A. D. Lindsey PRESIDENTS OF MEN'S BROTHERHOODS AND ADDRESSES	CHRM. ROYAL AMBASSADOR CO. AND ADDRESSES	Men's Brotherhood Enrolment	Young Men's Brotherhood Enrolment	Total Men	No. Junior R. A. Chapters	Intermediate R. A. Enrolment	No. Intermediate R. A. Chapters	Enrolment Junior R. A.	Total R.A. Enrolment	Grand Total Enrolment
Bethlehem	Howard Teague, Taylorsville		23	...	23	...	6	...	10	18	49
Beulah	Earnest James, Hiddenite, Rt 2	Henry McDuffie, Taylorsville	6	...	6	...	..	1	17	17	23
Liledoun	Roland Chapman, Taylorsville, Rt 2		22	...	22	...	..	...	..	..	22
Pilgrim	Paul Mayberry, Union Grove	Richard Bustle, Moravian Falls	12	20	32	...	..	...	..	..	32
Smyrna	Billy Killian, Taylorsville		19	...	19	...	..	...	..	..	19
Stony Point	Tom Norton, Stony Point, Rt 1	Dawson Beckham, Stony Point	29	...	29	1	9	...	..	9	38
Taylorsville, East	Glenn O. Davis, Taylorsville		36	...	36	...	16	...	10	26	62
Taylorsville, First	Henkle Mills, Taylorsville	Elvin Yoder, Taylorsville	27	0	27	1	6	...	..	6	33

TABLE IV. WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL PRESIDENT Evelyn Keller PRESIDENTS OF W.M.S. AND ADDRESSES	W.M.S. Units	Y.W.A. Units	G.A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W.M.S. Enrolled	Y.W.A. Enrolled	G.A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers All Organizations
Antioch.....	Mrs. Annie Meadlock, Taylorsville, Rt 2	2	1	2	1	6	28	6	30	16	80	35
Bethlehem.....	Mrs. Clyde Carrigan, Taylorsville, Rt 1	..	..	..	..	..	24	6	18	13	61	..
Beulah.....	Christine Loudermilk, Taylorsville.....	1	..	..	..	1	18	..	..	..	18	..
Hiddenite.....	Mrs. Gladys Thomas, Hiddenite.....	3	1	1	1	6	46	11	16	11	84	25
Liledoun.....	Mrs. Clarrissa Jenkins, Taylorsville...	1	0	2	1	4	23	0	24	10	57	..
Mount Herman.....	Mrs. Edd McBride, Taylorsville, Rt 4...	1	0	1	1	3	9	0	14	14	37	..
Smyrna.....	Mrs. Horace Moree, Taylorsville, Rt 1..	1	..	..	..	1	15	..	..	..	15	11
Stony Point.....	Mrs. Tom Norton, Stony Point, Rt 1.....	3	1	2	1	7	51	14	38	18	121	62
Taylorsville, East.	Mrs. Lonzo Davis, Taylorsville, Rt 4...	4	1	1	1	7	57	8	10	8	83	31
Taylorsville, First	Miss Lucy Echerd, Taylorsville.....	5	1	2	..	8	91	14	14	..	119	45

TABLE I. CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

Association Alexander State North Carolina

For Year Ending September 19 57

Clerk W. O. Warren Address Hiddenite, N. C.

Moderator H. L. Good Address Stony Point, N. C.

CHURCHES	Location Rural V-T-C	Date Organized	Date Of Meeting	Pastors and Addresses	Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	Church Have Budget?	Every Member Canvass?	State Paper in Budget?	No. Local Missions Operated by Church	Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether had a Pastor or not)
Antioch	rural	1826	.....	James R. Lail, Taylorsville, Rt 1.	12	1	3	275	139	425	2	75	yes	no	yes	....	4,100
Bethlehem	rural	1871	.....	I. V. Couch, Taylorsville, Rt 1...	22	8	11	279	...	303	2	60	no	no	no	0	4,420
Beulah	T	1916	.....	Asa Kerley, Moravian Falls.....	13	17	4	89	21	110	2	...	yes	yes	...	....	2,005
Calvary	T	....	.....	Henkle Little, Taylorsville.....	16	8	9	146	32	178	3	18	yes	no	no	0	4,512
Damascus	rural	1839	.....	Irvin Wallace, Harmony, Rt 2.....	2	1	5	...	...	159	1	...	no	no	no	....	974
Hiddenite	T	1915	.....	M. H. Gilliam, Hiddenite.....	4	11	10	142	45	187	1	55	yes	no	no	0	3,640
Lebanon	rural	1884	.....	Paul McAlpin, Taylorsville, Rt 2..	3	0	5	72	7	79	1	...	no	no	no	....	717
Liledoun	V	1906	.....	J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite, Rt 2...	5	0	7	...	...	334	2	...	...	...	...	....	4,026
Linney's Grove	rural	1895	.....	Irvin Wallace, Harmony, Rt 2.....	4	12	5	...	...	157	1	...	no	no	no	....	1,214
Little River	rural	1792	.....	Wayne Hendren, Moravian Falls.....	1	3	3	163	10	173	1	...	yes	no	...	....	1,200
Macedonia	rural	1840	.....	W. O. Warren, Hiddenite.....	10	6	2	220	42	262	1	35	no	...	no	0	4,130
Millersville	V	....	.....	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville.....	1	0	..	52	75	127	1	...	...	no	no	....	466
Mount Herman	rural	1912	.....	H. I. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt 2.	3	5	19	...	...	211	2	23	yes	no	no	0	2,150
Oxford Memorial	rural	1942	.....	Fred Ellis, Granite Falls, Rt 1...	32	6	18	94	37	133	2	32	...	...	...	....	922
Pilgrim	rural	1836	.....	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville, Rt 2...	3	4	7	...	...	253	1	2	...	...	...	....	780
Pleasant Hill	rural	1852	.....	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt 2.	12	2	8	175	57	232	1	...	...	no	no	....	600
Poplar Springs	rural	1872	.....	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, Rt 2.	3	0	4	211	...	211	2	...	...	no	no	....	1,300
Smyrna	rural	1923	.....	Horace Moree, Taylorsville, Rt 1..	10	7	30	52	27	96	1	...	yes	no	yes	0	2,080
Stony Point	T	1909	.....	H. L. Good, Stony Point.....	19	10	12	500	92	592	2	149	yes	no	yes	0	5,200
Taylorsville, East	rural	1924	.....	R. L. Dixon, Taylorsville.....	21	7	14	483	50	533	2	60	yes	yes	yes	5200	5,060
Taylorsville, First	T	1851	.....	W. B. Pittard, Jr., Taylorsville..	3	30	25	422	52	474	1	100	yes	no	yes	0	4,864
Totals	.....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	....	.....

TABLE VI. TOTAL GIFTS AND LOCAL EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURER James Farthing TREASURERS AND ADDRESSES	Total Gifts for all Purposes	Total Salaries (Excluding Pastor's Salary	Maintenance, Insurance, Repair, etc.	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing, etc.	Local Missions and Benevolences	Revival Expenses and Pastoral Supply	Payment on Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)	Grand Total Local Expense
Antioch	Dewey Austin, Taylorsville, Rt 3	15,108	600	1,092	1,887	805	110	369	1,671	1,754	8,288	4,100	11,753
Bethlehem	Lee Bowman, Hickory	17,258	452	557	7,843	957	143	545	.....	1,238	11,736	3,935	15,671
Beulah	Mrs. Barney Gant, Taylorsville	10,226	175	52	4,500	84	106	157	0	263	5,337	2,005	7,342
Calvary	Mrs. Nay Brookshire, Taylorsville, Rt 1	8,217	240	284	3,500	80	322	315	0	252	4,994	4,512	9,506
Damascus	Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Statesville	2,100	0	75	.....	86	66	120	0	65	417	974	1,391
Hiddenite	W. O. Goble, Hiddenite, Rt 2	10,003	915	286	355	714	718	240	0	268	3,497	3,640	7,137
Lebanon	Peggy Fortner, Taylorsville, Rt 4	1,735	24	25	368	59	84	139	0	62	761	717	1,478
Liledoun	Earnest Jenkins, Taylorsville, Rt 2	20,318	300	653	570	311	0	200	13,191	110	15,335	4,026	19,361
Linney's Grove	Sanford Hayes, Hiddenite, Rt 1	3,087	0	35	1,106	74	137	231	0	145	17,028	1,214	2,942
Little River	Nelda Rogers, Taylorsville	7,652	75	556	5,041	197	192	75	400	0	6,536	812	7,348
Macedonia	Conrad Fox, Taylorsville, Rt 1	12,335	.....	350	2,500	400	200	340	2,970	900	7,659	4,130	11,789
Millersville	Ben Thompson, Taylorsville	917	65	70	0	64	0	76	0	112	387	466	853
Mount Herman	A. W. McBride, Taylorsville, Rt 4	9,107	360	357	3,468	337	122	220	0	298	5,158	2,150	7,308
Oxford Memorial	Pender Caldwell, Taylorsville, Rt 2	2,908	0	50	636	424	378	178	600	303	2,569	922	3,491
Pilgrim	Lesley Millsaps, Hiddenite, Rt 1	2,215	0	28	587	39	89	113	0	30	8,888	780	1,668
Pleasant Hill	Walter Harrington, Taylorsville, Rt 3	2,156	154	270	267	123	111	74	0	77	1,076	701	1,777
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt 4	2,859	0	75	69	105	109	217	0	164	1,239	1,301	2,541
Smyrna	Marshall Fox, Taylorsville, Rt 1	4,996	60	268	148	151	0	98	0	1,099	1,824	2,555	4,379
Stony Point	Howard Norton, Stony Point	2,596	3,287	1,802	0	1,718	894	185	4,425	1,415	13,726	5,200	18,926
Taylorsville, East	Glenn Davis, Taylorsville	15,919	974	2,502	0	946	148	448	0	1,025	6,042	5,060	11,103
Taylorsville, First	James Farthing, Taylorsville	26,659	1,728	2,864	1,000	1,468	227	627	6,870	1,477	16,261	4,864	21,126

TABLE VII. MISSION EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL EXPENDITURES

CHURCHES	ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY A. E. Watts CLERKS OF CHURCHES AND ADDRESSES	Cooperative Program	Associational Missions	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Orphans Home	Designated Hospitals	Other Objects, Relief, Annuity, etc.	Total Mission Expenditures	Grand Total Expenditures for all purposes
Antioch.....	Warren Keller, Taylorsville, Rt 1...	1,020	15	209	43	345	279	256	133	206	2,506	14,259
Bethlehem.....	Claude Bowman, Hickory, Rt 2.....	801	..	85	106	199	49	200	39	106	1,587	17,258
Beulah.....	Henry McDuffie, Taylorsville.....	54	..	10	13	11	...	13	12	17	135	7,476
Calvary.....	Mrs. Nay Brookshire, Taylorsville...	0	0	7	0	0	0	25	25	30	87	9,593
Damascus.....	Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Statesville, Rt 2	0	0	0	0	168	0	139	0	0	307	1,698
Hiddenite.....	Gerald Goble, Hiddenite.....	1,500	0	103	67	94	0	603	51	0	2,418	9,555
Lebanon.....	Mrs. James Watts, Taylorsville, Rt 4	0	0	0	19	0	0	23	20	71	257	1,735
Liledoun.....	Devon Dyson, Taylorsville, Rt 2.....	40	0	5	125	13	0	270	241	160	957	20,318
Linney's Grove.....	Mrs. E. F. Millsaps, Hiddenite, Rt 1	0	0	13	60	23	0	47	0	0	145	3,087
Little River.....	Edwin Teague, Taylorsville.....	303	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	303	7,652
Macedonia.....	Mrs. Kermit Patterson, Stony Point..	8	15	33	18	63	...	62	22	225	446	12,135
Millersville.....	G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville, Rt 1...	0	0	0	22	26	0	10	0	0	58	911
Mount Herman.....	.....	500	73	52	36	5	0	494	431	0	1,672	8,980
Oxford Memorial....	Millie Reid, Taylorsville, Rt 2.....	146	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	165	3,656
Pilgrim.....	Richard Bustle, Moravian Falls.....	0	0	0	0	87	0	33	70	115	306	1,974
Pleasant Hill.....	Artie Sue Tevepaugh, Taylorsville...	0	0	16	0	59	0	59	65	39	179	1,949
Poplar Springs.....	Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville, Rt 4.	0	0	0	0	0	0	223	25	70	318	2,859
Smyrna.....	Waitsel Cline, Taylorsville, Rt 1...	135	10	55	26	0	23	54	0	0	303	4,892
Stony Point.....	Vance Stikeleather, Stony Point, Rt 1	1,384	10	200	439	2,800	0	936	250	155	6,170	25,096
Taylorsville, East.	Mrs. R. L. Dixon, Taylorsville.....	1,920	26	65	130	707	32	58	40	40	3,019	14,122
Taylorsville, First	A. C. Payne, Taylorsville.....	3,552	0	129	191	807	54	456	150	170	5,510	26,636

HISTORICAL TABLE

YEAR	WHERE HELD	PREACHER	MODERATOR	CLERK
1887	Macedonia.....	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Hendren..	W. E. White.....
1888	Antioch.....	J. P. Gwaltney..	J. W. Hendren..	W. E. White.....
1889	Bethel.....	J. B. Poole.....	J. W. Hendren..	W. E. White.....
1890	Concord.....	D. W. Poole.....	L. P. Gwaltney.	T. A. Hudson....
1891	Dover.....	L. P. Gwaltney..	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1892	Taylorsville.....	W. J. Bumgarner.	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1893	Bethlehem.....	J. P. Gwaltney..	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1894	Mt. Olive.....	J. M. Shaver....	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1895	Pleasant Hill.....	C. Durham.....	J. J. Hendren..	T. A. Hudson....
1896	Pilgrim.....	D. W. Poole.....	J. J. Hendren..	T. A. Hudson....
1897	Sulphur Springs.....	J. A. White.....	J. J. Hendren..	T. A. Hudson....
1898	Little River.....	L. P. Gwaltney..	J. J. Hendren..	T. A. Hudson....
1899	Linney's Grove.....	J. J. Reach.....	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1900	Lebanon.....	D. W. Poole.....	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1901	Three Forks.....	R. L. Davis.....	W. E. White....	T. A. Hudson....
1902	Taylor Springs.....	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts....	E. S. Millsaps..
1903	Poplar Springs.....	R. L. Davis.....	J. W. Watts....	E. S. Millsaps..
1904	Macedonia.....	O. A. Keller....	J. W. Watts....	J. J. H. Pool...
1905	Antioch.....	G. Z. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts....	J. J. H. Pool...
1906	Bethel.....	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts....	J. J. H. Pool...
1907	Bethlehem.....	R. Lee Davis....	J. W. Watts....	J. J. H. Pool...
1908	Concord.....	W. E. Linney....	J. W. Watts....	J. J. H. Pool...
1909	Damascus.....	J. M. Shaver....	J. W. Watts....	J. J. H. Pool...
1910	Dover.....	L. P. Gwaltney..	J. W. Watts....	R. L. Downs.....
1911	Lebanon.....	J. M. Shaver....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1912	Linney's Grove.....	G. Z. Bumgarner.	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1913	Taylorsville.....	Lloyd Teague....	J. W. Watts....	R. L. Downs.....
1914	Stony Point.....	W. E. Linney....	J. W. Watts....	R. L. Downs.....
1915	Mt. Olive.....	D. W. Poole.....	J. W. Watts....	R. L. Downs.....
1916	Pilgrim.....	W. J. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts....	R. L. Downs.....
1917	Mt. Herman.....	E. V. Bumgarner.	J. W. Watts....	R. L. Downs.....
1918	.....	.....	J. W. Watts....	.....
1919	Sulphur Springs.....	B. F. Austin....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1920	Three Forks.....	T. H. Williams..	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1921	Taylor Springs.....	T. E. Payne.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. W. Chatham...
1922	Macedonia.....	L. E. Barnes....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. W. Chatham...
1923	Bethany.....	J. W. Watts.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1924	Concord.....	J. S. Stephenson	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1925	Taylorsville.....	J. M. McAlpine..	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1926	Antioch.....	.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. L. Downs.....
1927	Mt. Olive.....	J. H. Boggs.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1928	Pleasant Grove.....	J. W. Rash.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1929	Mt. Hebron.....	E. V. Bumgarner.	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1930	White Plains.....	C. C. Holland...	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1931	Pleasant Hill.....	J. L. Teague....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1932	Sulphur Springs.....	S. I. Watts.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1933	Macedonia.....	A. T. Howell.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1934	Little River.....	E. V. Bumgarner.	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1935	Hiddenite.....	G. C. Teague....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1936	Fairview.....	F. A. Pennell...	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1937	Taylorsville, East..	Lee James.....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1938	Three Forks.....	G. C. Teague....	J. L. Gwaltney.	R. B. McLeod....
1939	Linney's Grove.....	C. C. Holland...	A. E. Watts....	R. B. McLeod....
1940	Bethlehem.....	T. L. Blalock...	A. E. Watts....	G. L. Chatham...
1941	Pilgrim.....	J. C. Gwaltney..	A. E. Watts....	R. B. McLeod....
1942	Antioch.....	E. C. Shoe.....	A. E. Watts....	R. B. McLeod....
1943	Damascus.....	E. V. Bumgarner.	A. E. Watts....	R. B. McLeod....
1944	Taylorsville, First.	H. L. Good.....	E. C. Shoe.....	W. C. Grose.....
1945	Stony Point.....	Howard J. Ford..	E. C. Shoe.....	Homer L. Good...
1946	Damascus.....	E. C. Shoe.....	A. C. Payne....	Homer L. Good...
	Three Forks.....	.....	.....	.....
1947	Taylorsville, East..	A. E. Watts.....	A. C. Payne....	Homer L. Good...
	Taylor Springs.....	.....	.....	.....
1948	Poplar Springs.....	A. B. Bumgarner.	H. L. Good.....	W. W. Harrington
	Bethel.....	.....	.....	.....
1949	Antioch.....	W. O. Johnson...	E. V. Bumgarner	W. W. Harrington
	Hiddenite.....	.....	.....	.....
1950	Liledoun.....	J. A. Icenhour..	A. B. Bumgarner	J. L. Wells.....
	Mt. Herman.....	.....	.....	.....
1951	Stony Point.....	J. L. Wells.....	H. L. Good.....	J. L. Wells.....
	Taylorsville, East..	.....	.....	.....
1952	Taylorsville, First.	J. R. Lail.....	H. L. Good.....	J. L. Wells.....
	Smyrna.....	.....	.....	.....
1953	Pleasant Hill.....	David C. Boaz...	J. R. Lail.....	Marcella Hines..
	Bethlehem.....	.....	.....	.....
1954	Pilgrim.....	Herman Johnson..	J. R. Lail.....	Marcella Hines..
	Little River.....	.....	.....	.....
1955	Linney's Grove.....	R. L. Dixon.....	J. R. Lail.....	Marcella Hines..
	Hiddenite.....	.....	.....	.....
1956	Liledoun.....	H. L. Good.....	A. E. Watts....	W. O. Warren....
	Lebanon.....	.....	.....	.....
1957	Macedonia.....	W. O. Warren....	A. E. Watts....	W. O. Warren....
	Taylorsville, First.	.....	.....	.....

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FOREWORD

Our associational year October 1, 1957 to September 30, 1958 has passed, taking its place in history alongside other years of the past. The messengers with whom it was my privilege to talk agree that we have had one of the greatest years in the history of our association. We believe this has been brought about by the revival that has taken place in the hearts of our churches and people on the most important subject of missions. Our mission gifts were far greater than any preceding year. We also note that we have experienced the saving of more souls than any preceding year. The two seem to go hand in hand for those who are sincerely interested in the progress of God's kingdom work here on earth.

The annual meetings held with Antioch and Mt. Herman churches were simply wonderful. The fine messages and the well-worded reports thrilled our hearts and challenged our very souls. These meetings each year present the unique opportunity for all of our churches to come together and get to know each other. Such fellowship is rewarding in every way. The need is so great today as we find ourselves living among the noise, speed and complexity of modern life particularly in a freewheeling, democratic country like ours where the individual is confronted day after day with all the bewildering advantages of being free and having plenty, and is under strong competitive pressure to make the most of every situation. This adds to the ever-present need for the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love and mutual understanding to be strengthened and demonstrated among God's people. To those who have experienced the cleansing blood of Christ as a sacrifice for their sin, and possess within their hearts the marvelous love of God. The Bible says "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so."

These minutes are to bring you the story of this memorable meeting. They will serve in the years ahead as a permanent record of facts and figures for those who might be interested in our history. Let us keep our eyes on this account as we strive in the coming year to make even greater progress in the Lord's work. May we have the assurance that God's presence will be with us every step of the way if we will only trust and obey. We must develop the habit of drawing constantly from the inexhaustible fountain of grace, wisdom and strength that God has promised all who would serve Him in spirit and truth. Remember that any one of us plus God make a team that cannot be defeated.

W. O. Warren, Clerk
Alexander Baptist Association

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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Moderator.....R. M. Grant, Route 3, Taylorsville
Vice-Moderator.....R. L. Dixon, Taylorsville
Clerk.....W. O. Warren, Hiddenite
Treasurer.....J. B. Farthing, Taylorsville
Missionary.....A. E. Watts, Taylorsville
Historian.....C. E. Echerd, Taylorsville
Evangelism.....M. H. Gilliam, Hiddenite
Sunday School Superintendent.....Ed Elliott, Taylorsville
Training Union Director.....Mrs. Earl Teague, Route 2, Taylorsville
W.M.U. Superintendent.....Miss Evelyn Keller, Taylorsville
Brotherhood President.....A. D. Lindsay, Stony Point
Music Director.....Miss Lucy Echerd, Taylorsville
Children's Home.....H. I. Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville
Hospital.....James W. Teague, Taylorsville
Home For The Aging.....W. B. Pittard, Taylorsville
Missions Committee.....I. V. Couch, Chairman
Warren Keller, Mrs. L. W. Davis

PROGRAM FOR

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

October 15-16, 1958

First Day—Antioch

Theme: "Go—Make Disciples"

9:45 Worship Service
Worship in Song—199.....“How Firm A Foundation”
Scripture—Matt. 28: 16-20
and Prayer.....Rev. Paul McAlpin
10:00 Roll Call of Churches
Adoption of Program
Appointment of Committees
10:15 Ministry to the Aged Report.....Rev. R. Love Dixon
10:40 Evangelism Report.....Rev. Maurice Gilliam
11:05 Hymn 15.....“Jesus Saves”
11:10 Music Department Report.....Miss Lucy Echerd
11:20 Hymn 192.....“Break Thou the Bread of Life”
11:25 Annual Sermon.....Rev. Horace Moree

12:00 Lunch
1:15 Worship Service
Worship in Song—377....."I Will Sing The Wondrous Story"
Scripture—Acts 1: 1-8 and Prayer.....Rev. R. M. Winecoff
1:30 Associational Missions Report.....Rev. A. E. Watts
Adoption of Budget.....Rev. I. V. Couch
2:00 Christian Education Report.....Rev. W. B. Pittard
2:25 Hymn 80....."Rescue The Perishing"
2:30 Ministry of Healing—Baptist Hospital Report....James Teague
2:55 Business Session

Second Day—Mt. Herman

9:45 Worship Service
Worship in Song—359....."Bringing in the Sheaves"
Scripture—Matt. 9: 34-38 and Prayer....Rev. Mack McCurdy
10:00 Children's Home Report.....Rev. H. I. Johnson
10:25 Sunday School Report.....Ed Elliott
10:50 Hymn 117....."Send The Light"
10:55 Brotherhood Report.....A. D. Lindsey
11:20 Missions
W.M.U. Report.....Miss Evelyn Keller
Missions Speaker
12:05 Lunch
1:15 Worship Service
Worship in Song—56....."I Am Thine O Lord"
Scripture—Rom. 12: 1-21 and Prayer.....Rev. W. O. Johnson
1:30 Training Union Report.....Mrs. Earl Teague
1:55 Christian Literature and
Biblical Recorder Report.....Mrs. L. W. Davis
2:20 Hymn 174....."Take My Life and Let It Be"
2:25 Allied Church League Report.....Rev. Wayne Hendren
2:50 Business Session
Report of Committees
Election of Officers
Miscellaneous
Adjourn

LIST OF MESSENGERS

Antioch—Robert Winecoff, Mrs. Earl Teague, Mrs. Warren Keller.

Bethlehem—Mrs. W. D. Hall, Mrs. Ola Lewis, Mrs. I. V. Couch.

Beulah—Unie Gantt, Bernice Harrington, Marie Lail.

Calvary—Mrs. Pearl Steel, Mrs. Georgie Warren, Mrs. Clyde Hubbard.

Damascus—Foy Johnson, Dwight Johnson, Grady Pharr.

Hiddenite—Mrs. Dan Davis, Mrs. Maurice Grant, Mrs. Howard Keever.

Lebanon—Mrs. James Watts, Mrs. Curlee Chapman, Mrs. Harold Fortner.

Liledoun—Otis Fox, Tom Keever, Burrett McAlpin.

Linney's Grove—Sanford Hayes, Frank Gwaltney, Harold Gwaltney.

Little River—Edwin Teague, Lindsay Brown, Mrs. James Fox.

Macedonia—Mrs. Coy Icenhour, Mrs. C. E. Mahaffey, Miss Phyllis Stafford.

Millersville—Ben Thompson, Charlie Fox, Burette Fox.

Mt. Herman—Henry Gilliland, Mrs. Willie Johnson, Clarence Keller.

Mt. Olive—Mrs. Ruby Deal, Mrs. Effie Davis, Mrs. Mary Pearson.

Oxford Memorial—Lemuel Ramsey, Mrs. Janie Anderson, Mrs. Betty Reid.

Pilgrim—Richard Bustle, Comer Bowles, Roby Branton.

Pleasant Hill—Edith Harrington, Tommy Daniels, Paul Harrington.

Poplar Springs—Mrs. Roy Rogers, Mrs. Mack Walker, Butler Chapman.

Smyrna—Waitsel Cline, Billy Killian, Horace Moree.

Stony Point—Mrs. J. P. Watts, Mrs. A. D. Lindsay, Mrs. Emmit Smith.

East Taylorsville—Mrs. Don Mitchell, Mrs. Bill James, Mrs. Ed Elliott.

First Taylorsville—Mrs. Veva Teague, A. C. Payne.

PROCEEDINGS

SEVENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

of the

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

October 15 and 16, 1958

1. The Alexander Baptist Association convened in its seventy-first annual session with Antioch Baptist Church October 15, 1958 at 9:45 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Maurice Grant.
2. Mrs. Couch led in singing "How Firm A Foundation" for the opening hymn, accompanied by Miss Echerd at the piano.
3. Henkle Little led the morning devotion, asking God's blessings on the day's session.
4. The host pastor, Robert Winecoff, was recognized by the moderator at this time. He offered words of welcome and instructions.
5. The moderator asked for a roll call of churches.
6. The moderator recognized A. E. Watts, who stated that Mt. Olive Baptist Church had made application to return to the Alexander Association. He also asked for a motion and the motion was made by I. V. Couch that they be received in full fellowship.
7. I. V. Couch was recognized at this time. He recognized visitors and new pastors. He also presented the program and moved its adoption.
8. The moderator announced the various committees at this time. (Listed elsewhere in the minutes.)
9. Bro. Bazemore from the Biblical Recorder was given a few minutes to speak on our Baptist paper.
10. R. L. Dixon gave the report on the Home for the Aging and moved its adoption. Bro. Dixon spoke to this report.
11. Maurice Gilliam gave the report on Evangelism and moved its adopton. Bro. Hopkins spoke to this report.
12. Mrs. Couch led in singing "Jesus Saves."
13. Miss Lucy Echerd gave the report from the Department of Music and moved its adoption. Miss Echerd spoke to this report.
14. Mrs. Couch led in singing "Break Thou The Bread of Life."
15. The host pastor made an announcement about the arrangements for lunch.
16. Horace Moree brought the annual sermon, using Proverbs 11: 30 as his text and "The Soul Winning Business" as his topic.
17. Bro. Moree offered thanks for the meal prepared by the host church and the session was adjourned for lunch.

Wednesday Afternoon

18. At 1:15 p. m. the association reconvened. Mrs. Couch led in singing an opening hymn.
19. Robert Winecoff led the devotion period.
20. The moderator recognized visitors at this time, also stating that any church desiring the association to meet with them next year would please let him know.
21. A. E. Watts gave the report of the Associational Missionary at this time and moved its adoption. I. V. Couch spoke to this report, presenting the proposed budget for the coming year. The missionary's report was adopted. Then Bro. Couch made a motion that the proposed budget be adopted. (Adopted.)
22. W. B. Pittard gave the report on Christian Education and moved its adoption. Bro. Lentz from Mars Hill College and Bro. Allen from Gardner-Webb College spoke in behalf of this report. W. O. Warren spoke in behalf of Fruitland Bible Institute. Bro. Pittard said a few words in behalf of the Christian colleges and Fruitland Institute.
23. Bro. Pittard moved that the association appoint a committee to receive the scholarship fund that the First Baptist Church had set aside for Fruitland. Also take care of other donations that might come in for this purpose. (Adopted.)
24. James Teague gave the report from the Baptist Hospital and moved its adoption. Bro. Gunter from the Department of Pastoral Care spoke to this report.
25. C. E. Echerd gave a brief history of Antioch Baptist Church, stating that his history was not complete but would appear complete in the minutes.
26. The moderator asked for any business that should claim the attention of the association at this time. There being no further business, I. V. Couch made a motion to adjourn.
27. Wayne Hendren led the closing prayer, and the association adjourned to meet the following day with Mt. Herman Church.

Thursday Morning

28. The second day's session began at 9:45 a. m. with Mt. Herman Church. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, R. M. Grant.
29. Mrs. Couch led in singing "Bringing In The Sheaves," accompanied by Miss Echerd.
30. M. A. McCurdy led the morning devotion, asking God's leadership during the day's session.
31. H. I. Johnson, host pastor, was recognized. He offered words of welcome and instructions.

32. Damascus Church was not present the first day. The moderator called them at this time and they were present.
33. W. O. Warren called the digest of church letters to the attention of the delegates at this time.
34. The moderator announced that the Scholarship Committee for Fruitland would consist of W. B. Pittard, W. O. Warren and A. D. Lindsay.
35. H. I. Johnson gave the report from the Children's Home and moved its adoption. Bro. Ball spoke to this report.
36. Ed Elliott gave the Sunday School report and moved its adoption. Bro. Elliott spoke to this report.
37. Mrs. Couch led in singing "Send The Light."
38. The moderator stated that so far the association had no invitation for a place to meet next year.
39. A. D. Lindsay gave the Brotherhood report at this time and moved its adoption. Bro. Lindsay spoke to this report.
40. Mrs. Couch led in singing "Rescue The Perishing."
41. Miss Keller gave the W. M. U. report and moved its adoption. A. E. Watts was recognized and said a few words about Associational Missions. He stated that he was pleased with the increase that our association had shown during the past year. He then introduced Bro. Spivey. Bro. Spivey stated that the Alexander Association had just about exceeded all others in the State in advancement.
42. W. B. Pittard led in prayer, offering thanks for the noon meal prepared by the host church and the session adjourned for lunch.

Thursday Afternoon

43. Mrs. Couch led in singing "Nearer My God To Thee."
44. W. O. Johnson led in the afternoon devotion.
45. Mrs. Earl Teague gave the Training Union report and moved its adoption. Mrs. Teague spoke to this report.
46. The moderator recognized visitors at this time.
47. In the absence of Mrs. Davis, A. E. Watts gave the report on Christian Literature and moved its adoption.
48. Mrs. Roy Rogers was recognized at this time. It was stated that she had attended the Alexander Association for 22 times without missing.
49. Mrs. Couch led in singing "Take My Life and Let It Be."
50. Wayne Hendren gave the report of the Allied Church League. stating that he did not have a written report due to some delayed information. He asked for the privilege to write the report and get it in before the minutes went to press. Permission was granted. Bro. Hauss spoke to this report.

51. In the absence of Bro. Teague, A. E. Watts gave the report of the Committee On Time, Place and Preacher and moved its adoption.
52. Fred Ellis gave the report of the Resolutions Committee, asking for a standing vote of approval for the fine work of the host churches.
53. I. V. Couch gave the report of the Nominating Committee. A. E. Watts moved that Bro. Couch remain chairman of this committee. Bro. Couch asked that these committees be approved.
54. C. E. Echerd gave the history of Mt. Herman Church, stating that a more complete report would appear in the minutes.
55. There being no further business, A. E. Watts made a motion to adjourn.
56. Maurice Gilliam led the closing prayer and the seventy-first session of the Alexander Baptist Association came to a close.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

ANTIOCH—Pastor, Robert Winecoff, Route 2, Taylorsville; Clerk, Warren Keller, Route 1, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Blaine Hollar, Route 2, Taylorsville; Training Union Director, Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, Route 2, Taylorsville; W.M.U. President, Mrs. Clyde Meadlock, Route 2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Dewey Austin, Route 5, Hickory; Librarian, Faye Milstead, Route 2, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Earl Teague, Route 2, Taylorsville.

BETHLEHEM—Pastor, I. V. Couch, Route 1, Taylorsville; Clerk, Claude Bowman, Route 2, Hickory; Sunday School Superintendent, Noah Lail, Route 1, Granite Falls; Treasurer, L. T. Bowman, 359-20th Ave. N. E., Hickory, Training Union Director, Hal Teague, Route 1, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Mrs. Maynard Hefner, Route 1, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Fred Sigmon, Route 5, Hickory; Choir Director, Mrs. I. V. Couch, Route 1, Taylorsville.

BEULAH—Pastor, Asa Kerley, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. Sue Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. Unie Gantt, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Harold Keever, Route 3, Taylorsville; W.M.U. President, Mrs. Mary Jolly, Box 302, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Oscar Bowman, Route 2, Taylorsville.

CALVARY—Pastor, Henkle Little, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. Nay Brookshire, Route 1, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. Nay Brookshire, Route 1, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Darrell Fox, Route 2, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Nay Brookshire, Route 1, Taylorsville.

DAMASCUS — Pastor, Irvin Wallace, Route 2, Harmony; Clerk, Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Route 2, Statesville; Treasurer, Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Route 2, Statesville; Sunday School Superintendent,

Dwight Johnson, Route 2, Hiddenite; Choir Director, R. A. Wilson, Route 2, Statesville.

HIDDENITE—Pastor, Maurice Gilliam, Hiddenite; Clerk, W. O. Goble, Route 1, Hiddenite; Treasurer, Gerald Goble, Box 362, Taylorsville; Minister of Music, Hugh Welborn, Cycle; Sunday School Superintendent, R. M. Grant, Route 3, Taylorsville; Training Union Director, Miss Marcella Hines, Hiddenite; Librarian, Miss Norma Jean Warren, Hiddenite; W.M.U. President, Mrs. M. L. Kerley, Stony Point.

LEBANON—Pastor, Paul McAlpine, Route 1, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. James Watts, Route 4, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Peggy Ann Fortner, Route 4, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, C. D. Poole, Route 4, Taylorsville; Choir Director, J. P. Watts, Route 4, Taylorsville.

LILEDOUN—Pastor, M. A. McCurdy, Route 1, Hiddenite; Clerk, Roland Kerley, Route 2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Ernest Jenkins, Route 2, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Bill Dyson, Route 2, Taylorsville; W.M.U. President, Mrs. Roland Kerley, Route 2, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Roy Gregg, Route 2, Taylorsville; Choir Director, C. I. Chapman, Route 2, Taylorsville.

LINNEY'S GROVE—Pastor, Irvin Wallace, Route 2, Harmony; Clerk, Mrs. E. F. Millsaps, Route 1, Hiddenite; Treasurer, Sanford Hayes, Route 1, Hiddenite; Sunday School Superintendent, Luke McCurdy, Route 1, Hiddenite; Choir Director, H. J. Gwaltney, Route 1, Hiddenite.

LITTLE RIVER—Pastor, Wayne Hendren, Moravian Falls; Clerk, Edwin Teague, Route 4, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. Guy Rogers, Route 2, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Joe McDuffie, Taylorsville; W.M.U. President, Mrs. Fred Walker, Route 4, Taylorsville.

MACEDONIA—Pastor, W. O. Warren, Hiddenite; Clerk, Mrs. Kermit Patterson, Route 1, Stony Point; Treasurer, Conrad Fox. Route 1, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Dale Warren, Hiddenite; Training Union Director, Mrs. Lewis Mecimore, Route 1, Taylorsville; W.M.U. President, Mrs. Ruth Warren, Hiddenite; Choir Director, Redge Chapman, Taylorsville.

MILLERSVILLE—Pastor, Wade Rogers, Taylorsville; Clerk, G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, G. S. Hampton, Route 1, Taylorsville; Choir Director, G. S. Hampton, Route 1, Taylorsville.

MT. HERMAN—Pastor, H. I. Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville; Clerk, Henry Gilleland, Route 2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Wayne McBride, Route 4, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Kenneth, Kerley, Route 4, Taylorsville; Training Union Director, Joe Price, Route 2, Taylorsville; Librarian, Mrs. W. D. Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville; W.M.U. President, Mrs. P. E. Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Raeford Bowman, Route 2, Taylorsville.

MT. OLIVE—Pastor, Wade Miller, Wilkesboro; Clerk, S. C. Deal, Route 4, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. Evelyn Davis, Route 4, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, T. C. Rogers, Route 4, Taylorsville; W.M.U. President, Mrs. Kermit Hayes, Route 4, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Abe Russell, Route 4, Taylorsville.

OXFORD MEMORIAL—Pastor, Fred Ellis, Route 2, Taylorsville; Clerk, Miss Nancy White, Route 2, Lenoir; Treasurer, Pender Caldwell, Route 2, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Wade Hollar, Route 2, Lenoir; Training Union Director, Miss Millie Reed, Route 2, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Kelly White, Route 2, Taylorsville.

PILGRIM—Pastor, W. O. Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville; Clerk, Richard Bustle, Moravian Falls; Treasurer, Waitsel Johnson, Hiddenite; Sunday School Superintendent, Paul Mayberry, Union Grove; Choir Director, W. G. Mayberry, Union Grove; Brotherhood President, Paul Mayberry, Union Grove.

PLEASANT HILL—Pastor, J. H. Watts, Route 3, Taylorsville; Clerk, Edith Harrington, Route 3, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Olin Harrington, Route 3, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Tommy Daniels, Route 3, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Olin Harrington, Route 3, Taylorsville.

POPLAR SPRINGS—Pastor, W. O. Johnson, Route 2, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. Roy Rogers, Route 4, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, James Chapman, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Butler Chapman, Route 4, Taylorsville.

SMYRNA—Pastor, Horace Moree, Route 1, Taylorsville; Clerk, Waitsel Cline, Route 1, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Billy Killian, Route 1, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Elbert Boston, Route 1, Taylorsville; Training Union Director, Mrs. Estelle Echerd, Route 1, Taylorsville; W.M.U. President, Mrs. Doris Moree, Route 1, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Billy Killian, Route 1, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Robert Echerd, Route 1, Taylorsville.

STONY POINT — Clerk, Vance Stikeleather, Stony Point; Treasurer, Howard Norton, Route 1, Stony Point; Sunday School Superintendent, A. D. Lindsay, Stony Point; Training Union Director, Mary Oliver, Stony Point; Librarian, Carolyn Comer, Stony Point; W.M.U. President, Mrs. Tom Norton, Stony Point; Brotherhood President, T. D. Beckham, Stony Point; Choir Director, Mavis Harris, Stony Point.

EAST TAYLORSVILLE—Pastor, R. Love Dixon, Taylorsville: Clerk, Mrs. Clayton Cline, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Glenn Davis, Route 1, Tayorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Ed Elliott, Taylorsville; Training Union Director, Conley Pennell, Taylorsville; W.M.U. President, Mrs. L. W. Davis, Route 3, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Lindsay Childers, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Homer Daniels, Route 3, Taylorsville.

FIRST TAYLORSVILLE—Pastor, W. B. Pittard, Jr., Taylorsville; Clerk, C. E. Echerd, Taylorsville; Treasurer, B. L. Mauney,

Taylorsville; Minister of Music, Miss Lucy Echerd, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Clay Elledge. Taylorsville; Training Union Director, Mrs. F. H. Mills, Taylorsville; Librarian, Mrs. D. C. Thompson, Taylorsville; W.M.U. President, Mrs R. E. Current, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, S. W. Bennett, Taylorsville.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1958-59

Associational Missions:		
a. Missionary Salary: $45.00 per week	$2,340.00	
b. Car expenses: $50.00 per month	600.00	
c. Tel., office supplies and postage	300.00	
d. Equipment	100.00	
e. Social Security	95.00	
f. Convention expenses	50.00	
Total	3,485.00	$3,485.00
Miscellanous	200.00	200.00
Local Needs:		
a. Sunday School:		
1. Central Training School	50.00	
2. Vacation Bible Schools	25.00	
3. Telephone calls	5.00	
4. Workers mileage	25.00	
Total	105.00	105.00
b. Training Union:		
1. Speakers for mass meetings	60.00	
2. Youth Night	25.00	
3. Leadership school	100.00	
Total	185.00	185.00
c. Brotherhood	50.00	50.00
d. Evangelism	60.00	60.00
e. Music	35.00	35.00
f. Woman's Missionary Union	65.00	65.00
g. Associational Minutes	250.00	250.00
h. Associational Clerk	25.00	25.00
Total		4,460.00
Less State Convention help		1,080.00
Total to be raised by the churches		$3,380.00

PROPOSED INCOME FROM CHURCHES

Antioch	$300.00
Bethlehem	300.00
Beulah	78.00
Calvary	100.00
Hiddenite	200.00
Lebanon	50.00
Macedonia	100.00
Mt. Herman	180.00
Oxford Memorial	120.00
Liledoun	200.00
Smyrna	100.00
Stony Point	520.00
East Taylorsville	360.00
Taylorsville First	520.00

The churches listed below are asked to take two offerings a year for Associational Missions, on the first Sunday in November and the first Sunday in July:

Damascus, Linney's Grove, Little River, Millersville, Pilgrim, Pleasant Hill and Poplar Springs.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CHURCHES OF THE ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1958

We have just completed our first year with A. E. Watts as full-time Associational Missionary. It has been one of the best years this association has ever had. We baptized more people, gave more to missions, saw more people come into our churches, had more Vacation Bible Schools, more Training Schools and Study Courses, had more churches active in the simultaneous revival than any previous year on record. To Brother Watts we would like to say thanks for a job well done. Your splendid leadership and fine spirit of cooperation was invaluable in these achievements.

Antioch Church reports they are pleased with their new pastor, Robert Winecoff, who moved on the field August 24, 1958. Antioch is to be congratulated for having the largest Training Union in the Association.

Beulah Church reports they moved into their new church building in August 1958. We congratulate you and your pastor, Asa Kerley, on your foresight in the Lord's service.

Calvary Church reports 30 baptisms during the past year, four more than any other church in the association. Calvary and their pastor, Henkle Little, have also done a fine job in the leadership shown to Russell Gap Mission during the past year.

Lebanon Church reports they now have preaching every Sun-

day. They have also done some extensive work on the yard and driveway, and have purchased a new piano-organ combination. Congratulations to the pastor, Paul McAlpin, and his people.

Macedonia Church reports the entire church debt paid with the ending of the associational year. Also a notable increase in gifts to missions and the organization of a W.M.U. Congratulations to the pastor, W. O. Warren, and his people.

Millersville reports they have done some remodeling on their present church building. Also they are having preaching every Sunday now. Congratulations to the pastor, Wade Rogers, and his people.

Mt. Olive Church entered our fellowship just this year. To the pastor, Wade Miller, and the people of Mt. Olive Church we say welcome to our association. May the Lord bless as we work together in His name.

Pleasant Hill Church reports they are now having preaching every Sunday. Congratulations to the pastor, J. H. Watts, who recently moved to this field, and his people.

Smyrna Church reports a new Sunday School plant, with modern conveniences having been completed this year. Congratulations to the pastor, Horace Moree, and his people.

East Taylorsville Church and their pastor, R. L. Dixon, are to be congratulated for the fine work they are doing at Shady Rest Home with a Mission Sunday School.

Stony Point Church gave more to missions last year than any other church in the association. Congratulations.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME, PLACE AND PREACHER

The Alexander Baptist Association will meet Wednesday and Thursday, October 14 and 15, 1959.

The place will be first day, Beulah Baptist Church, located in the town of Taylorsville. Second day is to be announced at a later date.

The preacher will be I. V. Couch, with Wayne Hendren as alternate.

Submitted for adoption by
James W. Teague
W. C. Grose
Mrs. Roy Rogers

ADDITIONAL NOTES

The Alexander Baptist Association was formed at Macedonia Baptist Church, meeting for the first time September 30, October 1 and 2, 1887.

The associational year closes with the last service in September or the thirtieth day.

Remember, all reports should be kept within one page as it appears in the minutes, if at all possible.

Church clerks should be very careful in filling out the associational letter. It is the only record we have of the progress of your church.

The Alexander Baptist Ministers Conference meets on Monday following the third Sunday of each Month. The officers are R. L. Dixon, moderator, and Horace Moree, secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Moderator.....R. M. Grant
Vice-Moderator.....R. L. Dixon
Clerk.....W. O. Warren
Treasurer.....J. B. Farthing
Missionary.....A. E. Watts
Historian.....C. E. Echerd
Evangelism.....M. H. Gillian
Children's Home.....H. I. Johnson
Hospital.....J. W. Teague
Home For Aging.....W. B. Pittard
Missions Committee.....I. V. Couch, Chairman, Warren Keller and Mrs. L. W. Davis
Training Union Director.....Mrs. Earl Teague
Sunday School Superintendent.....Ed Elliott
W.M.U. President.....Evelyn Keller
Music Director.....Lucy Echerd
Brotherhood President.....A. D. Lindsay

Respectively submitted for adoption,
I. V. Couch
Mrs. U. L. Hafer
C. D. Poole

ALLIED CHURCH LEAGUE REPORT

Since March 1, 1957, three county ABC elections and two city elections were held. The Drys won Currituck and Lee, but lost Jones County. The Wets won both city elections.

Beer and wine elections were held in Lee and Catawba Counties and in the town of Warsaw. The Drys won in Lee County and in Warsaw, but lost in Catawba. Catawba County was the first victory for the beer and wine forces since 1951.

Summary	Liquor	Wine	Beer
Dry Counties	69	52	50
Wet Counties	31	48	50
Wet Towns	8	16	18

Legislation: The General Assembly did not give us a statewide referendum, although approximately 300,000 signatures were presented on a petition calling for an election in 1958. However, our legislative efforts were not a total loss, since we were able to kill a statewide gambling bill and defeat bills calling for four additional city ABC elections in Dry counties. In addition the beer forces were unable to make any gains in their legislative program, or tc repeal the additional tax placed on them by the 1955 General Assembly.

We are deeply indebted to Rev. Gerald Primm for the exposure of the "free liquor" to legislators, and to the Raleigh News and Observer for its publicity. The League, through its Publications Committee, has given wide publicity to this story by mailing out some 8,000 copies of a pamphlet concerning the expose to the churches civic and law enforcement groups of the State. Since the adjournment of the Legislature, much of our effort has been spent in trying to get counties to secure candidates to the General Assembly who will be sympathetic to our work.

Education: Several denominations affiliated with the League are promoting active programs of temperance education. The Methodist Church, through their District Workshops, and the Southern Baptist Convention, through the promotion of Alcohol Education Week, have done splendid jobs. More than 50 percent of the Baptist Churches cooperated in their program, and the Methodists of the Western N. C. Conference, under the leadrship of Dr. James Stokes, received national recognition for its outstanding work.

Through the efforts of the League, plans are underway for a course on alcohol education instruction to be given at Appalachian State Teachers College for the summer session of 1959.

Governor Luther Hodges has proclaimed April 20-24 as Youth Temperance Education week in North Carolina. The WCTU has planned an excellent program for this week and we call upon ali denominations to cooperate with this effort by setting that week for emphasis in the local church.

Temperance Sunday and Commitment Day was observed on Sunday, December 1, 1957. We were gratified at the response of the churches observing this day and the number of pledges to total abstinence signed. Each year additional churches join in this observance, and we recommend that Sunday, December 7, 1958, be set aside for Temperance Sunday and Commitment Day for this year.

We would like to add that due to the fine work of the League we were able to avoid liquor stores in Wilkesboro of Wilkes County

and in Taylorsville of Alexander. We feel we are much indebted to Mr. Hause and to the organization for which he labors.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Hendren

REPORT OF ALEXANDER ASSOCIATIONAL BROTHERHOOD

We are pleased to report the Brotherhood work of our association has made much progress during the past year. This is shown by the increase in the number of churches reporting active Brotherhoods, by an increase in total enrollment, and by a wonderful spirit of desire by our men to help in this phase of our church work.

We, at present, have nine churches with active Brotherhoods reporting a total enrolment of 213 men and 168 R.A. boys. During the past year a recreational program for our boys was instituted and developed far beyond our expectations.

With this report, we wish to extend a welcome to new church Brotherhoods that were organized during the past year: Pilgrim, with 15 charter members; Mt. Herman, with 15 charter members; and Little River, with 12 charter members.

The Associational Brotherhood meets quarterly, with the following men as officers for 1958-59:

President.....A. D. Lindsey
Attendance Vice-President.....Durant Adams
Promotion Vice-President.....Hinkle Mills
Program Vice-President.....Noah Lail
Secretary and Treasurer.....James Teague
Chorister.....Walter Harrington
R.A. Counselor.....Dawson Beckham

Our Pastors' Advisory Council consists of Rev. I. V. Couch, Rev. Horace Moree and Rev. R. L. Dixon.

The Layman's Council is Paul Mayberry, Kenneth Kerley and Waverly Bowman.

Respectfully submitted,
A. D. Lindsey

ASSOCIATIONAL W.M.U. REPORT

The Women's Missionary Union has gained much this year in its work. We have organized two new Women's Missionary Societies, bringing our total to twelve societies in the Alexander Association. These two are Little River and Macedonia Baptist Churches. We are praying and working toward having societies in at least half of the nine churches who do not have W.M.U.

Seven hundred and nine women and young people make up our organization. This is a good increase over last year. We hope

to have each of the twelve churches we have now having a full graded W.M.U. by next year, with all the young peoples' organizations.

Our young peoples' organizations have increased beyond our hopes this past year, for which we are so thankful. Many more of our young people have attended camps and meeting this year than ever before. We are so grateful for these young people who are preparing themselves for a greater work in our Lord's Kingdom. These Y.W.A., G.A., R.A., and Sunbeam members will be our leaders of tomorrow.

Many of our W.M.U. ladies have been inspired this year by attending the Southern Baptist W.M.U. meeting in Houston, Texas, Foreign Mission, Home Mission and W.M.U. Weeks in Ridgecrest. Women coming away from these meetings have said, "We have a greater vision of what we can do to help our neighbors in our county, our state and in foreign lands. Our women are taking a greater interest in visiting and witnessing to lost people of our county. We thank God for this work and for every woman in the W.M.U."

The highlight of this year's work was our having the regional meeting in our county. At this meeting we had 344 women attending from our Wilkesboro region. This was almost 100 more people than we expected.

Our mission offerings were greater this year than ever before, but we realize we could have given more. Our Home Mission, Heck Jones Memorial and State Mission offerings should have been a lot more, and these are the ones we will have to keep before our people. Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was another highlight of the year. The W.M.U. and Young People gave $3,396.86. This was $609.41 above last year.

We are grateful for what has been done for the great mission cause in Alexander County this year, but there are still women to enlist and churches to be organized in W.M.U. work.

Our prayer is that we may work together in witnessing, giving, and serving our Lord and Master Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Keller

TRAINING UNION REPORT FOR 1958

The year 1958 has been a great one in Training Union work. In the Alexander Association we have ten Training Unions. In the Rocky Face Association we have organized two Training Unions in the past year. They were at Three Forks Church and at Dover. Our Training Union enrolment is now close to 1,000. Several churches have noted a steady increase in their attendance. There are several reasons I believe responsible for this. First, we have had an increase in requests for Study Course Awards within the past

several years. When our church people can understand the value of a study course to them, and to the church, we find they are willing to attend even two or three within a year's time. Second, more of our people are attending Training Union Week at our assemblies. This means better Training Union leaders and workers. It also means better informed church members. Churches represented at different assemblies were Hiddenite 18, Antioch 12, Three Forks 12, Mt. Herman 36, Oxford Memorial 2, Taylorsville First and Stony Point.

I hope in 1959 we can have a study course in each church and each church will have some of its members in one of our assemblies. When we reach these goals we will see better Training Unions in all of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Earl Teague

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE AND BIBLICAL RECORDER REPORT

No other denomination has so wide a variety of good Christian literature as Baptists have to meet the spiritual interest and needs of every member of the family.

The contacts, impressions and surroundings of a person largely make up his mind, habits and actions. Even a worm takes on the color of the plant or leaf on which he feeds. Human beings take on the color and nature of what they read.

Never before has there been so much to read. Publishers have dressed up their wars in rainbow colors, and used every style, trick and art to make their publications tempting to the eyes of young and old. Much of the popular literature is bad. It loads down the news stands and clogs the mail boxes of all homes who will buy and receive it.

How much sound, clean Christian literature comes into your home each week to lift up, inspire and enrich the minds and hearts of your family? Is your Baptist State paper coming into your home? The **Biblical Recorder** offers us wholesome Christian reading. In addition to carrying the message of Baptist life and progress in the State, it promotes missions and social service. So for wholesome reading and information about Baptist life we urge you to subscribe to and read the **Biblical Recorder**.

American Bible Society

In every missionary advance the Bible goes forward first!

The Bible is a "must" in missions and evangelism. If the people of the world are to know Jesus Christ, the one hope of men and nations, they must have the Bible. It is the one basic source of knowledge of Him. The Bible is the missionary's chief tool; he uses it in all his work. The Bible itself is a missionary. It can go where

the human missionary cannot go. It can stay when he must leave—and keep on speaking to a person's heart.

Every man must have the Bible in his own language, but in most countries the people cannot afford even the cost of printing the Scriptures.

The American Bible Society helps to translate the Bible, publishes without note or comment and distributes without profit, usually below cost, for worldwide mission work.

During 1957 the American Bible Society distributed throughout the world 15 million volumes of Scriptures.

Last year Southern Baptist ranked second among the denominations in gifts to the American Bible Society. This year all churches are urged to give to this Society. Send your gifts to State office marked "for the American Bible Society."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. L. W. Davis

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT TO THE ALEXANDER ASSOCIATION

It is with heartfelt gratitude that we come to make this annual report to the association.

On behalf of the entire staff of Associational Sunday School officers, let me pledge our adherence to the ideal that our task is one of service. Our only purpose is to help the churches through proper use of their Sunday Schools to reach the lost for Christ and lead the saved to acknowledge the Lordship of Christ in daily living.

This year our association is reporting 21 churches and 23 Sunday Schools, two of the Sunday Schools being mission Sunday Schools. Russell's Gap is mothered by Calvary Baptist Church and the Sunday School at the Rest Home is mothered by East Taylorsville Baptist Church. Our Sunday School enrolment this year is 4,594, an increase of 344 over last year.

Achievements this past year include:

5 churches observed January Bible Study

19 Vacation Bible Schools and Mission Vacation Bible Schools were held. (Oxford Memorial and Stony Point Churches were standard.)

2 new Sunday Schools were started.

11 churches reported 599 training awards.

No Sunday Schools achieved the Standard of Excellency.

We respectfully make the following recommendations:

1. That we adopt for this year the theme "That They Might Have Life."
2. That the Sunday School leadership of each church in our association be urged to:

1. Determine to gain a minimum of 10 percent in enrolment and 15 percent in attendance.
2. Move up the pattern of organization by starting new classes and departments.
3. Start a new Sunday School this year.
4. Follow a weekly visitation plan.
5. Provide a training program which would include January Bible Study Week, Preparation Week and Operation Home Study.
6. Hold a Vacation Bible School and conduct a Mission Vacation Bible School.
7. Give priority to personal witnessing.
8. Encourage all Sunday School workers to participate in the regular Associational Sunday School meetings and programs in order that our own work may be strengthened and that through cooperation all churches may carry out their divine commission.

3. That the Associational Sunday School leadership be urged to:
   1. Enlist a complete organization at a clinic, train the Associational Sunday School officers and plan the help for the churches a year in advance.
   2. Plan and direct associational group training schools.
   3. Provide regular meetings for training and inspiration of the Sunday School workers.
4. That the Executive Committee and Sunday School Association appoint a Nominating Committee three or more months in advance of the annual association meeting for the purpose of nominating the Associational Superintendent of the Sunday School to the Executive Committee for approval and that the newly elected superintendents be given authority to select and enlist the other officers to be presented for approval to the Executive Committee and the Sunday School Association. This procedure is suggested in order to have the Sunday School organization completed and ready to function at the beginning of the associational year.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed K. Elliott
Associational Sunday School Supt.

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

The first duty of every Christian is to praise God. Undoubtedly something is wrong with our Christianity if our souls do not overflow with praise. On the first Palm Sunday, when Jesus rode into Jerusalem, the Galileans and all the friends of Jesus began to shout their ringing hosannas. Some of the doleful citizens appealed to

Jesus to rebuke them, but Jesus answered,"I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." (Luke 19: 40) Jesus was emphasizing that at the heart of this universe unconquerable gladness dwells. All nature sings the praise of the Creator. Shall we who are made in His image and redeemed by His grace withhold our praise?

On Monday night, December 23, 1957, a Carol Sing was held on the courthouse square, attended by a large crowd. The singing was directed by Alex Hagenbart, then at Stony Point Church. Johnson Music Co. of Hickory loaned a Hammond organ for the occasion, which was played by Mrs. W. W. Harrington. The singing was greatly enjoyed and plans are made for another Carol Sing for Christmas of this year on December 22, 1958.

The week of March 17-21, 1958, the first music school sponsored by the Music Committee of this association was held at Taylorsville First Church. Joe Stroud, state music director, taught a class in "Practical Music Lessons," with 30 receiving certificates. Pascal Colson of Concord also taught "Practical Music Lessons," with 35 awards. Mrs. W. W. Harrington taught "Gospel Song and Hymn Playing," with 11 completing the course. The average attendance was 107, and it was felt the school was such a success that another school is planned for March 30-April 3, 1959

On the Sunday afternoon which ended the music week a Hymn Sing was enjoyed by a good-sized congregation at the Taylorsville First Church. Hugh Welborne of the Hiddenite Church directed the singing, with Mrs. W. W. Harrington at the organ.

At 2:30 on August 17, over a hundred people attended a Hymn Sing at Mt. Herman Church. The theme was "God's Love." Mrs. I. V. Couch did the narration and Miss Lucy Echerd directed the congregation, while Mrs. W. W. Harrington played the piano. Miss Kay Adams sang "The Love of God" and the Hiddenite Junior Choir sang "Love Is The Theme."

Your Music Committee is:

Director.....Miss Lucy Echerd
Pastor Advisor.....M. H. Gilliam
Graded Choirs.....Mrs. I. V. Couch
Instrumental.....Mrs. W. W. Harrington
Training.....Mrs. R. L. Dixon
Publicity and Promotion.....W. B. Pittard, Jr.

Submitted for adoption by
Lucy Echerd

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

Associational Missions is a ministry of service which should challenge all of us. It is a vital link between the local church and

world missions. Through Associational Missions we seek to promote evangelism, missions, stewardship and training in our churches, and our Baptist work in general to the ends of the earth. It is, in a word, voluntarily working together, in love and fellowship, to do what our Lord has commanded. It is a work which has many problems and a ministry which calls for an enormous amount of work. This first year, I have been in twenty of our twenty-one churches, and several others not in our association. I have been in 162 church services, had 324 individual conferences, 164 group conferences, 46 committee meetings, sent out more than 1800 pieces of mail, made 1230 telephone calls, and spent 1064 hours in the office.

Highlights of the associational year were the Sunday School Central Training School, an "M" Night attendance of 376, a well-planned Music School, the W.M.U. Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, the faithful work of the Brotherhood, and the simultaneous revivals, so ably led throughout the association by Rev. M. H. Gilliam, pastor of the Hiddenite Church.

A loyal people, faithful pastors, consecrated and capable leadership has made this associational program possible, and for the good that has been accomplished, we humbly bow and say with Paul in I Cor. 3: 6, "I have planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase." My daily prayer is for all our pastors and helpers, and for all our people in all our churches.

Respectfully submitted,
A. E. Watts

REPORT OF THE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC.

June 30, 1958, marked the end of 15 years of progressive leadership by W. C. Reed with the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. After serving as superintendent of Kennedy Home for seven years, Mr. Reed moved to Thomasville, where he served as General Superintendent for eight years. Under his supervision the Children's Homes experienced one of their greatest periods of building, growth and expansion of service. At present North Carolina Baptists probably provide more services for dependent children than any other similar group in America.

Dr. W. R. Wagoner of North Wilkesboro was elected by the trustees to succeed Mr. Reed. Dr. Wagoner assumed his duties July 1.

The year 1957-58 has been a fruitful one in expanding services. Since October 1, 1957, North Carolina Baptists have directly served a grand total of 753 children. In addition to these, our social workers have been able to place with relatives or other agencies more than 200 children where their needs are now being met. Each application has been investigated by our case workers. During the

past year we were able to admit about one-fourth of the applicants as compared with one-fifth admitted in 1956.

Last year's report pointed up the need for expanding our foster homes and for the care of the Indian children at Pembroke. The Baptist State Convention voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Board of Trustees of the Baptist Children's Homes and to make the Odum Home at Pembroke a part of the North Carolina Baptist Child Care Program. This work, with 16 children, has been under the care and support of your homes since January 1958. Money has been set aside to build a new cottage at Pembroke for the Indian children.

North Carolina Baptists have two sources for supporting the Children's Homes. Source number one is a combination of the Once-A-Month Offering and the Cooperative Program. Source number two is the Thanksgiving Offering. Every dollar marked "Thanksgiving Offering" comes to the Children's Homes. Last year we asked for an increase of 10 percent in the Thanksgiving Offering. The churches responded with a 15 per cent increase. This increase of $31,000 enabled us to support the Indian work at Pembroke and at the same time to considerably expand the foster home program.

During the coming year a cottage will be erected at Mills Home for boys and a cottage at Kennedy Home for girls. These new buildings are being made possible by special gifts and bequests.

Serious consideration must be given in the near future to more adequate care for the children whose emotional stability has been seriously damaged. North Carolina Baptists have the potential resources with which to meet this growing need.

My prayer is that we Baptists keep in mind the Thanksgiving Offering and make it the largest offering ever made to the Baptist Children's Homes.

Respectfully submitted,
H. I. Johnson

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL 1958 REPORT

Our Baptist Hospital provides a well-rounded program of medical care and training under Christian guidance and influence.

It serves our people when they are sick and need specialized medical care which requires facilities beyond those available in their own communities. The hospital works in full cooperation with our local physicians. It offers a wide range of specialized training in the different fields of medicine and surgery, in nursing, in various other fields of medical care and in pastoral care.

Last year the hospital provided bed care for 16,000 patients. There were 120,000 visits to the clinics and offices of the medical staff and chaplains. Service patients came from 92 of the 100 counties of the State. The services of the medical staff were given

free to all service patients, and the hospital spent more than half a million dollars in providing free care for them beyond what they were able to pay.

A service patient pays what he can of the cost of his care. To help make up the difference between what he can pay and the cost, the hospital has some assistance from welfare agncies and the Duke Endowment for patients who can qualify, but it must depend primarily upon the Mother's Day offerings. This fund can be used only in cases of real need and after the patient's family has paid all it can and all other possible help has been secured.

Two factors are forcing the hospital to seek a largely increased Mother's Day support if it is to be able to continue such a service to our sick. First, hospital costs everywhere have increased more than 30 percent in the last five years. Second, as the number of North Carolina Baptists increases, the demand for this service increases.

Fortunately there has been an increase in the amount of Mother's Day offerings, also. These contributions have grown by 20 percent in the last five years. Yet it is clear that only through greatly increased support by our churches can the hospital hope to continue to give the large volume of free service it has been giving to our people.

We believe Baptists of North Carolina will provide the necessary funds if they realize the need, for we have found that when churches acquaint their people with the need, the response is excellent. When the hospital movie and the slide film have been shown and an active effort has been made to present the Mother's Day program, offerings have been generous. Our need, therefore, is simply for our churches to inform their people of the need more effectively.

Respectfully submitted,
James Teague

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

Evangelism is eternally timeless and always timely. It is central in scripture; it is urgent in need, and essential in Christian living. Our present conditions demand it, our Lord's Commission demands it, and our attitude to understand it can best be determined by answering four questions: (1) How deeply do I care? (2) How sincere is my prayer? (3) How much of Christ do I have to share? (4) How far will I dare?

I am happy to announce that the churches of our association are aware of the Christian enterprise and possess a passion to evangelize. Last spring, with thirteen churches participating in the Associational Simultaneous Crusade, one hundred nineteen members were added to the rolls of thes churches—ninety-two by baptism, one by statement, and twenty-six by letter.

Therefore, to win for Christ that person, our county, our state, our continent, our world, be it resolved that,

1. We join the nineteen million other Baptists in the greatest soul winning effort ever launched: the 1959 Simultaneous Revival, and
2. That we increase our baptism by thirty percent and baptize one hundred and nineteen souls into the fellowship of our churches.

"The call is given: ye host arise,
Our watchword is evangelize!"
—Henry Crocker

Respectfully submitted for adoption,
Maurice H Gilliam

RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution of appreciation of program:

Whereas the Program Committee has prepared and presented to us a program that has been informative and inspiring beyond all our fondest expectations; therefore, be it resolved that we express our appreciation:

1. To the Program Committee for the excellent preparation of this program;
2. To each person who by attendance cooperation and labor of love has made this seventy-first session of the Alexander Baptist Association a great success.

B. Resolution of appreciation to the leaders:

Be it resolved that we the messengers of this association express our heartfelt gratitude to the following leaders:

1. To the Moderator, Maurice Grant; Clerk, Rev. W. O. Warren; and Missionary, Rev. A. E. Watts, for the fine service rendered.
2. To Miss Lucy Echerd and Mrs. I. V. Couch for the generous devotion of their time and leadership in our worship in song.
3. To the associational officers who presented their reports in such a fine and challenging manner.

C. Whereas the two churches, Antioch Baptist and Mt. Herman Bapitst, have given us such courteous and kind reception; therefore, be it resolved that we the messengers of Alexander Baptist Association give a rising vote of thanks for this splendid and loving service.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred V. Ellis, Chairman
Asa Kerley
Mrs. Glen Lail

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES, INC., REPORT FOR 1957-58

This the eighth year of the operation of the Baptist Homes for the Aging has been another great year. There are many evidences of the continued blessings of God upon this phase of our North Carolina Baptist program.

Having accepted the gift of Don G. Matthews, Sr. of Hamilton, of $50,000.00 for the building of the fourth of our homes, this home will provide space for about 40 additional residents, thus bringing our total to 150.

Some of the greatest service rendered by Baptists is being done in these homes. In order for us to continue this service and growth we must continue to support our Baptist Homes.

Our homes are supported by their share in the Nine-Year Program of the Baptist State Convention; Special Day Offering taken on the third Sunday of February each year; what residents pay for their care; memorial gifts; personal gifts, and making gifts through wills.

May we urge our people to give freely on the third Sunday of February that our homes may grow and continue to serve our aging people.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. R. Love Dixon

HISTORY OF ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH

The second meeting of the Alexander Baptist Association, after its organization at Macedonia September 30, October 1 and 2, 1887, was held at Antioch October 4, 5, 6, and 7, 1888. J. W. Hendren was moderator and W. E. White was clerk. The historian that year was Rev. J. B. Pool, one of the four brother preachers: William A., J. B., Christopher C., and Daniel Pool. His record says Antioch was organized on July 29, 1826, by a presbytery consisting of ministers and deacons: Wm. Dodson, Sr., Wm. Hines, Richard Wallace, Wm. Dodson, Jr., John Swaim and Alexander West. The church was organized with six males and seven females. By the end of the year 13 more were added to the membership. The church has belonged to the following associations: Brier Creek, Catawba, Lewis Fork, Brushy Mountain and Alexander.

Wm. Dodson, Sr., was mentioned as preaching at Antioch, but it is not sure that he was pastor. Pastors chosen and dates were as follows: J. F. McCall, September 18, 1830; Wm. Richards, August 1832; Wm. D. Holder, June 6, 1835, who must have served to about 1843 (no records from 1843 to 1847); William Goforth, May 22, 1847; R. L. Steele and J. Harvey West, April 22, 1848; James Reed and Wm. Pool, January, 1851; George Swaim, May 1853; H. Holsclaw, June 1854; H. Holsclaw and George Swaim, December 1855; George Swaim and Daniel Austin, May 1859; Jacob Crouch, De-

cember 1862; Wm. Pool and D. B. Brown, January 1868; Smith Ferguson, 1869; C. C. Pool, March 1871; Geo. D. Sherrill, August 1875; Wm. T. Davis, April 1876; Wm. Pool and J. B. Pool, July 1876, L. P. Gwaltney, January 1879; J. B. Powell, September 27, 1879, L. P. Gwaltney, August 20, 1880; W. A. Poole, November 25, 1882; L. P. Gwaltney, January 2, 1885; J. B. Pool, August 6, 1885; H. D. LeQueux, October 24, 1886; L. P. Gwaltney, August 20, 1886 to 1888.

The Alexander Association met at Antioch again in 1905. J. W. Watts was moderator; J. J. H. Pool, clerk; W. S. McLeod, historian. Mr. McLeod says that L. P. Gwaltney served as pastor to September 1889; D. W. Poole, December 1889; James M. Shaver, October 1893; D. W. Pool, January 1898, still serving 1905.

This association met again at Antioch, October 7-8, 1942. A E. Watts was moderator; R. B. McLeod, clerk; and Chas. J. Pool, historian. No history.

Next meeting at Antioch was held October 7, 8, 9 and 10, 1826. J. L. Gwaltney was moderator; W. E. White Clerk; and A. C. Payne, historian. Mr. Payne says in his short history of Antioch that several of the charter members of Antioch had been members of the Edward Teague Church at Munday's Grave Yard. He mentions the fact that the church is one hundred years old.

The next associational meeting at Antioch was October 5, 1949. A. M. Bumgarner was moderator; W. W. Harrington, Clerk; and A. C. Payne, historian. No history.

This meeting, October 15, 1958, is the sixth meeting of this association at Antioch and is just seventy years since the first meeting at this church.

Above is a list of pastors to 1905. The list from that date to 1941 is taken from "Historical Sketch of Antioch Baptist Church" as compiled by Miss Dewey Teague in 1941. They are, following D. W. Pool: J. M. Shaver to 1913; G. Z. Bumgarner to 1916; W. W. Pool again to 1921; W. J. Bumgarner to 1826; T. E. Payne to 1928; J. L. Teague to 1933; Grover C. Teague to 1941; S. A. Stroupe to 1946; E. C. Shoe to 1949; J. R. Lail to 1958; and R. M. Winecoff, present pastor.

Miss Dewey Teague says that James Reed was the first minister ordained by this church: October 1849. Others ordained were O. A. Keller, J. U. Teague, R. C. Cline, L. W. Teague, B. F. Austin, G. C. Teague, E. C. Keller, C. W. Teague, Jack Keller and Luther Hollar. She says that Charlie Sigmon went out from this church, but was not ordained by this church.

My own comment is that the beautiful and sincere Christian life of "Jimmie" Shaver as pastor and neighbor, had much to do in causing these young men to enter the ministry.

A list of clerks of Antioch, as well as I am able to find, were about as follows: Benjamin Austin, Christian Baker, James Reed, Robert H. Teague, Henry M. Julian, W. S. Pool, R. W. Munday,

S. P. Austin, R. S. Austin, W. O. Bowman, R. L. Downs, Vance W. Teague, Wayne Austin, Warren Hollar, Vance Teague again and Warren Keller.

Miss Dewey gives a list of the charter members of Antioch as Rachel Brown, Mary Austin, Sr., Sarah Teague, Nancy Payne, Rebeccah Austin, Elender Dockery, Nathan Austin, Benjamin Austin. "These and probably others came from the New Meeting House Baptist Church."

Since it may be another 50 or 70 years before another historian will dare use sufficient space to have the record put in the minutes, here is a copy of a manuscript found in the papers of Benjamin Austin:

June 7th, 1797, as a meeting held at the New Meeting House in Burke County, middle Little River a Presbettara being called to constitute a church and ordain officers and found prepared the members names as follows:

Edward Teague, Henry Holsclaw and Benjamin Austin, Elders.

Wm. Sherell and Nathan Austin, Deacons.

George Pain; George Thompson, Excld; Jehue Barnes; James Oxford; Elijah Austin, Dist Mist by letter; Harry, a Negro, Deceased February 28, 1898; Sarah Teague; Mary Austin, dis mist; Rebecca Austin; Elizabeth Thompson, Excld; Nancy Pain; Rebecca Foster; Ruth Pressley; Elender Dockery; Tabitha Spradlin; Lurannah Burns; Mary Austin, Sen. *May 16, 1771.

(The New Meeting House mentioned above was located at what is now known as Munday's Grave Yard. Edward Teague was probably the leader of this organization, and it is also probable that some of these were members of the Old Sandy Creek Baptist Church in Orange County where Shubal Stearns was pastor. It is also probable that some of them had been in the Battle of Alamance and fled from that section to Alexander County because this part of the State was across the Cherokee line and out of Governor Tryon's rule.)

Because it appears that a group of members from Antioch went out to organize a new church to be known as Centre, I will give a sketch of that church as written by W. S. McLeod, historian 1905.

(Centre Church was located just north of the road where the old road to Lenoir crosses the creek from J. C. Blair's to the George Long place near what was known in that day as Ellendale Springs. My father, John B. Echerd, who walked all the way from All Healing Springs to go to school there when he was a little boy, has shown me the location in passing there.)

Centre Church was organized April 14, 1854, by a presbytery consisting of Burton Bradley and James Reed, with the following members, to wit: Burton Reed, E. C. Oxford, Andrew N. Reed, Andrew Reed, Margaret E. Reed, Mary L. Reed, Elizabeth E. Oxford, Sarah Munday, Anna Munday, Hiley Munday and Nancy Payne.

These are all dead except Andrew Reed, who lives in Cook County, Texas, and Hiley Munday, now Hiley Keller.

One of the rules adopted at the constitution of the church was that Baptists who were discriminated against in other churches on account of being "Sons of Temperance" might be received upon application.

E. C. Oxford was elected church clerk, and retained the position until he entered the Confederate service in 1864. A. B. Oxford was clerk until he migrated to Missouri in 1866. He was succeeded by William C. Oxford, who resigned in 1871 when Isaac Newton Bradburn was elected and continued until the church dissolved.

Burton Bradley was pastor the first year He and J. J. Watts were joint pastors for the next year. R. L. Steele was pastor from February 1, 1856 to April 2, 1859; Smith Ferguson to March 31, 1860; James Reed to January 1, 1862; J. H. West to December 3, 1863; R. H. Moody to December 1865; J. H. West and Isaac Oxford, jointly and part of the time alternately, to August 1, 1871; G. D. Sherrill to May 1873; J. H. West to the dissolution of the church on Saturday, January 5, 1876.

Rev. James Reed joined the church by letter immediately after its organization. Amanda A. Oxford was the first that joined by baptism.

By a resolution of the church in July 1863, the position of the church on "Temperance" was published in the **Biblical Recorder**.

The church was originally organized in the schoolhouse of District No. 32, but afterward built an excellent house which was used both for a meeting house and a high school near Ellendale Springs. The first sessions were taught by Hugh M. Stokes, a through scholar and brother of Governor Stokes. Subsequent sessions were taught by Miss Smith, Hugh A. Oxford, W. S. Pool, R. H. Moody, James B. Pool and A. F. Somers. A Teachers Institute supported by the State and Peabody Fund was conducted by W. E. White, then county superintendent, from 1872 to 1875. The house was burned by an incendiary on the night of September 11, 1875, together with a valuable library, maps and good school furniture.

The history of Antioch is interesting from the standpoint of its church buildings. The first was a log church built about 1826. It was replaced in 1875 with a nice frame building about 36 by 60 feet. The logs from the old church were sold to Elisha Oxford, who hauled them to his home, where Hugh Oxford now lives, to build a barn. Later, the same logs were given to Asbury Dula, colored, who hauled them again right by the church and built a barn on the side of Barrett's Mountain in back of the Roy Munday place.

About 1937, under the leadership of Grover C. Teague, the pastor, plans were made to build a new church at the present location. The first service in the new church was held August 17,

1941. Rev. Grover C. Teague was invited back to preach the first sermon. The new church is built with a stone veneer, as is also the parsonage nearby. The stone came from the territory surrounding the church. During the pastorate of J. R. Lail, an addition was made to the original building, using the same materials, making the present one of the largest and prettiest church buildings in the county.

Chas. E. Echerd, Historian

HISTORY OF MT. HERMAN BAPTIST CHURCH

The minutes of Mt. Herman Baptist Church from its organization in October 1912 to July 1957 were written and kept by Peter E. Johnson. These minutes are well written, often very much in detail—that is the preacher's name was given, his scripture reading and his text. For a little while after Mr. Johnson's death, Harold Mays served as church clerk. Then H. L. Gilliland was elected as clerk. He is still serving.

The church record says: "A Council composed of Elders L. P. Gwaltney, J. P. Gwaltney, J. W. Watts, G. Z. Bumgarner and T. E. Redmon met at Mt. Herman, N. C., for the purpose of organizing a church."

J. P. Gwaltney acted as moderator and R. L. Downs, Deacon, as clerk.

There were 72 charter members:

From Three Forks—J. W. McBride, Emma McBride, Clara McBride, J. M. McBride, N. N. McBride, J. A. McBride, Vera McBride, R. G. McBride, J. C. McBride, A. L. Johnson. Jane Johnson, Peter E. Johnson, Lita Johnson, Nita Johnson, May Johnson, Roxie Sipe, Obe Ingram, J. W. Walker, Susie Walker, G. W. Echerd, C. P. Echerd, Lizzie Echerd, L. C. Echerd, Georgian Echerd, Annie Echerd, Lula Echerd, J. Wren Echerd, Omar Bowman, Emmer Herman, Martha Johnson, J. C. Johnson, Q. V. Johnson, R. C. Johnson, F. M. Johnson, A. W. Johnson, A. L. Brookshire, Lola Brookshire, Mamie Meadlock, Bettie Logan, Lue Logan, Katie Munday, Lunar Stine, Emmer Stine, Bessie Price, Ed Johnson, Bill Johnson, Addie Johnson, Dollie Johnson, Annie Johnson, Mindy Logan.

From Liledoun—James Brookshire and wife, Belle; Clyde Stine and wife, Fannie; Charlie Stine, Ada Stine, Samuel Echerd, Andy Fox and wife, and Robert Herman.

From Antioch—John Ingram, Amanda Ingram, Carrie Ingram, Lee Meadlock, Lou Herman, James Johnson, Lydia Johnson and E. R. Echerd.

From Lebanon—Wilson Bumgarner and wife, Frances.

On a following page, without dates, are other names as follows: Ethel McBride, Otto Johnson, May Daniels, Charkie Bowman. Vick Adams, M. M. Daniels, M. E. McBride, Nervia Johnson, Esther

Johnson, D. C. Payne, Sadie Payne, Ola Ingram, Mary Milstead, Willie Echerd, Charlie Brown, Levi Teague, Ida King, Butler Echerd, Bessie Shook, Lawrence Shook, John B. Echerd, Blanche Echerd Johnson, J. Wade Brookshire, Dewitt Ingram, Fanny Reece Stine, Ed McBride and Ross Brookshire.

Deacons elected were J. C. Johnson, A. L. Johnson, John Ingram, J. A. McBride, Lee Echerd, J. O. Brookshire and Clyde Stine.

J. Walter Watts was selected as the first pastor, and served to 1914; L. P. Gwaltney to 1919; B. Frank Austin to 1920; T. E. Payne to 1930; Isaac Watts to 1940; Roger Gwaltney to 1943; Howard Ford to 1945; James R. Lail to 1949; W. O. Johnson to 1951, Herman I. Johnson to present.

The land on which Mt. Herman was built was donated by Norman Z. Daniels. Later Lee Watts gave to the church two acres, and sold them an additional three acres. I will also note that Norman Daniels bought and paid for the brick in the first church and A. Lee Watts hauled them from Statesville Brick Yard without charge. This new brick church was built about 1936. In 1953 there was added to the back of the original building a commodious three-story educational plant.

The estimate of the value of church property in 1954 was $52,500. There has been no report on church values since 1954.

Chas. E. Echerd, Historian

IN MEMORIAM

The following members of our churches have died since our last associational meeting. May God bless their memory to our good:

ANTIOCH—Mrs. Frank Cline, Ed Johnson, Ralph Little, Larry Meadlock, Mrs. Dora Munday. Waitsel Teague and Thomas Whisnant.

BETHLEHEM—Mrs. Oriah Price, Mrs. James Johnson and Oswald Teague.

CALVARY—Mrs. Maude Elder.

DAMASCUS—Mrs. Fallie Johnson.

HIDDENITE—Harvey Ferguson, J. H. Hendren, Mrs. J. H. Hendren, Mrs. Hosea Matheson.

LEBANON—Tom Fortner.

LILEDOUN—Mrs. Grace Carrigan, Clyde Fox and Mrs. Ollie Sweet.

LINNEY'S GROVE—Lex McLain.

LITTLE RIVER—Don Mullis, Lum Deal and Charlie Robinette.

MILLERSVILLE—Luther Mullis.

MT. HERMAN—Roscoe Meadlock, Hugh McLeod and W. A. Johnson.

MT. OLIVE—W. C. Russell.

PILGRIM—Mrs. Lucinda Gwaltney and Donnie Bunton.

PLEASANT HILL—Melvin Childers and Ambrose Bently.

POPLAR SPRINGS—Lonzo Brookshire.

STONY POINT—A. L. Pharr, R. L. Chamberlain, Mrs. Mabel Douglass and Mrs. Hattie Harris.

EAST TAYLORSVILLE — Mrs. Mozelle Brown, Rubin Wike and Poole Gooden.

FIRST TAYLORSVILLE—Mrs. Grace Payne, W. A. Keller, Mrs. Gertrude Ingram, U. L. Hafer, Lester Watts, R. K. Moose, Mrs. James Watts and Mrs. W. H. Carson.

Table A CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

Clerk: W. O. Warren, Hiddenite; Moderator: R. M. Grant, R-3, Taylorsville

Churches	Location Rural-Town-City	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	Pastors and Addresses	Baptisms	Letters & Other Additions	Loss by Death, Transfer, etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-Resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	No. Tithers	Church Have Budget?	Every Member Canvass?	State Paper In Budget?		Pastor's Annual Salary (Whether Full Year or Not)
1. Antioch	R	1826	4	Robert Winecoff, R-2, Taylorsville	26	13	22	361	73	434	2	91	Yes		Yes	.....	4,680
2. Bethlehem	R	1871	4	I. V. Couch, R-1, Taylorsville	11	2	13	280	21	301	2	90	Yes	No	No	.....	4,800
3. Beulah	T	1916	4	Asa Kerley, Taylorsville	17	3	4	78	27	121	2	30	No	No	No	.....	2,455
4. Calvary	T	1948	4	Henkle Little, Taylorsville	30	20	4	194	34	228	3	30	No	No	No	.....	4,680
5. Damascus	R	1839	3	Irvin Wallace, R-2, Harmony	.....	3	2	.....	.....	160	1	.....	No	No	No	.....	1,076
6. Hiddenite	V	1915	4	Maurice Gilliam, Hiddenite	7	6	11	144	45	189	1	55	Yes	No	No	.....	3,850
7. Lebanon	R	1884	4	Paul McAlpin, R-1, Taylorsville	7	2	1	78	9	87	2	.....	No	Yes	No	.....	729
8. Liledoun	R	1906	4	M. A. McCurdy, R-1, Hiddenite	21	4	11	348	.....	348	2	.....	No	No	No	.....	4,000
9. Linney's Grove	R	1895	2	Irvin Wallace, R-2, Harmony	3	.....	5	.....	.....	155	1	.....	No	No	No	.....	1,277
10. Little River	R	1795	4	Wayne Hendren, Moravian Falls	17	.....	6	177		188	1	.....	Yes	No	No	.....	1,200
11. Macedonia	R	1840	4	W. O. Warren, Hiddenite	9	5	3	234	42	276	1	50	No	No	No	.....	4,342
12. Millersville	R		4	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville	11	6	4	64	40	104	1	.....	No	No	No	.....	816
13. Mt. Herman	R	1912	4	H. I. Johnson, R-2, Taylorsville	25	3	3	.....	.....	252	2	.....	Yes	No	No	.....	3,900
14. Mt. Olive	R	1865	2	Wade Miller, Wilkesboro	9	.....	3	115	40	155	1	.....	No	No	No	.....	782
15. Oxford Memorial	R	1942	4	Fred Ellis, R-2, Taylorsville	12	9	11	128	24	152	2	12	Yes	No	No	.....	1,107
16. Pilgrim	R	1836	2	W. O. Johnson, R-2, Taylorsville	13	2	8	.....	.....	255	2	2	No	No	No	.....	890
17. Pleasant Hill	R	1852	4	J. H. Watts, R-3, Taylorsville	7	7	10	179	57	236	1	.....	No	No	No	.....	600
18. Poplar Springs	R		4	W. O. Johnson, R-2, Taylorsville	12	6	8	209	20	229	2	.....	No	No	No	.....	1,676
19. Smyrna	R	1923	4	Horace Moree, R-1, Taylorsville	10	3	.....	71	38	109	1	.....	Yes	Yes	Yes	.....	2,340
20. Stony Point	T		4		13	5	26	500	84	584	1	147	Yes	No	Yes	.....	5,200
21. East Taylorsville	T	1924	4	R. L. Dixon, Taylorsville	21	10	36	460	68	528	2	60	Yes		No	.....	5,200
22. First Taylorsville	T	1851	4	W. B. Pittard, Jr., Taylorsville	17	29	19	458	43	501	1	100	Yes	No	Yes	.....	5,750
				Totals	298	138	210	4078	676	5592	34	667					61,350

Table C BROTHERHOOD WORK

Associational Brotherhood President: A. D. Lindsay, Stony Point

Churches	Presidents of Men's Brotherhoods	Chrm. Royal Ambassador Co.	Men's Brotherhood Enrolment	Total Men	No. Junior R.A. Chapters	Junior R.A. Enrolment	No. Intermediate R.A. Chapters	Intermediate R.A. Enrolment	Total R.A. Enrolment	Grand Total Enrolment
1. Bethlehem	Fred Sigmon, R-5, Hickory		23	23	1	11	.....	.....	11	34
2. Liledoun	Roy Gregg, R-2, Taylorsville		28	28	1	25	1	10	35	63
3. Little River	Floyd Chapman, Taylorsville		12	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12
4. Mt. Herman		Foy Payne, R-2, Taylorsville	15	15	.....	12	.....	.....	12	27
5. Pilgrim	Paul Mayberry, Union Grove	Richard Bustle, Moravian Falls	15	15	.....	9	.....	12	22	37
6. Smyrna	Billy Killian, R-1, Taylorsville		20	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
7. Stony Point	T. D. Beckham, Stony Point	Arthur Hammer, Stony Point	35	35	2	31	1	13	44	79
8. East Taylorsville	Lindsay Childers, Taylorsville		36	36	.....	16	.....	10	26	62
9. First Taylorsville	S. W. Bennett, Taylorsville	W. W. Harrington, Taylorsville	29	29	.....	.....	.....	21	21	50
		Totals	211	213	4	104	2	66	171	384

Table D WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Associational President: Evelyn Keller, Taylorsville

Churches	Presidents of W.M.S. and Addresses	W.M.S. Units	Y.W.A. Units	G.A. Units	Sunbeam Units	Total Units	W.M.S. Enrolled	Y.W.A. Enrolled	G.A. Enrolled	Sunbeam Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers All Organizations
1. Antioch	Mrs. Clyde Meadlock, R-2, Taylorsville	2	1	2	2	7	35	9	29	20	93	70
2. Bethlehem	Mrs. Maynard Hefner, R-1, Taylorsville	1	.....	1	1	3	20	.....	1	13	50	37
3. Beulah	Mary Jolly, Taylorsville	2	.....	.....	.....	2	18	.....	.....	.....	18	.....
4. Hiddenite	Mrs. M. L. Kerley, Stony Point	3	1	1	1	6	47	13	14	13	87	20
5. Liledoun	Marie Kerley, R-2, Taylorsville	1	.....	2	1	4	25	.....	27	10	62	8
6. Little River	Mrs. Fred Walker, R-1, Taylorsville	1	.....	.....	.....	1	18	.....	.....	.....	18	.....
7. Macedonia	Ruth Warren, Hiddenite	2	.....	.....	.....	2	18	.....	.....	.....	18	12
8. Mt. Herman	Mrs. P. E. Johnson, R-2, Taylorsville	1	.....	1	1	3	8	.....	16	18	42	.....
9. Mt. Olive	Mary Hayes, R-4, Taylorsville	1	.....	.....	.....	1	14	3	7	14	38	.....
10. Smyrna	Mrs. Horace Moree, R-1, Taylorsville	1	.....	1	1	3	21	.....	8	11	40	29
11. Stony Point	Mrs. Tom Norton, Stony Point	3	1	2	2	8	51	13	35	19	118	68
12. East Taylorsville	Mrs. L. W. Davis, R-3, Taylorsville	4	.....	2	2	8	45	.....	16	20	81	.....
13. First Taylorsville	Mrs. R. E. Current, Taylorsville	5	1	2	2	10	92	6	12	45	155	44
	Totals	27	4	14	13	58	412	44	165	183	820	288

Table E THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Associational Superintendent: Ed Elliott, Taylorsville

Churches	Sunday School Supts. and Addresses	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Adults (25-34)	Adults (35 and up)	Extension Department	General Officers	Mission Sunday School Enrolment	Grand Total SS Enrolment	Average Attendance	No. Training Schools	Vacation Bible School Enrolment	Average V.B.S. Attendance	January Bible Study
1. Antioch	Blayne Hollar, Rhodhiss	.....	47	24	40	59	33	19	27	35	89	10	5	.....	388	226	2	161	154	No
2. Bethlehem	Noah Lail, R-1, Granite Falls	14	25	14	20	46	34	21	10	35	46	2	4	.....	271	169	3	95	90	Yes
3. Beulah	Harold Keever, R-3, Taylorsville	.....	.....	20	13	12	23	27	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	125	93	.....	77	67	No
4. Calvary	Darrell Fox, Taylorsville	.....	.....	20	20	30	30	20	40	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	200	162	.....	116	103	No
5. Damascus	Dwight Johnson, R-2, Hiddenite	.....	5	9	7	7	7	5	4	4	42	.....	.....	.....	90	60	.....	59	50	No
6. Hiddenite	R. M. Grant, R-3, Taylorsville	3	5	7	8	23	11	16	.....	24	45	.....	5	.....	147	111	3	139	128	Yes
7. Lebanon	C. D. Poole, R-4, Taylorsville	.....	6	6	5	8	20	.....	.....	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	No
8. Liledoun	Bill Dyson, R-2, Taylorsville	.....	12	40	25	50	50	15	35	50	45	.....	.....	.....	322	233	.....	115	108	No
9. Linney's Grove	Luke McCurdy, R-1, Hiddenite	.....	.....	18	12	13	16	25	.....	20	45	.....	.....	.....	185	120	.....	55	50	No
10. Little River	Joe McDuffie, Taylorsvlile	.....	.....	20	14	12	10	8	.....	48	.....	5	1	.....	117	100	1	72	60	No
11. Macedonia	Dale Warren, Hiddenite	.....	.....	15	13	25	15	15	10	50	32	.....	.....	.....	175	126	.....	120	106	No
12. Millersville	G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville	.....	.....	12	.....	10	20	.....	.....	15	15	.....	.....	.....	72	50	.....	.....	.....	No
13. Mt. Herman	Kenneth Kerley, R-4, Taylorsville	.....	14	8	21	25	17	11	17	36	47	.....	3	.....	199	139	.....	86	85	No
14. Mt. Olive	T. C. Rogers, R-4, Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70	1	.....	.....	
15. Oxford Memorial	Wade Hollar, R-2, Lenoir	.....	.....	10	17	25	17	15	23	47	.....	.....	3	.....	157	95	2	85	75	No
16. Pilgrim	Paul Mayberry, Union Grove	5	.....	10	16	14	19	24	15	34	35	.....	.....	.....	159	118	.....	.....	.....	No
17. Pleasant Hill	Tommy Daniels, R-3, Taylorsville	.....	.....	19	29	14	14	14	27	70	.....	.....	3	.....	190	95	.....	.....	.....	No
18. Poplar Springs	James Chapman, Taylorsville	.....	.....	35	.....	30	32	.....	.....	30	35	.....	.....	.....	162	110	.....	65	62	No
19. Smyrna	Elbert Boston, R-1, Taylorsville	.....	24	12	14	17	10	12	15	.....	29	.....	3	.....	136	96	.....	92	86	Yes
20. Stony Point	A. D. Lindsay, Stony Point	.....	36	20	28	55	48	61	.....	.....	245	.....	9	.....	502	263	2	141	122	Yes
21. East Taylorsville	Ed Elliott, Taylorsville	13	13	22	36	62	41	29	10	44	89	37	5	20	421	203	3	147	103	Yes
22. First Taylorsville	Clay Elledge, Taylorsville	10	24	25	35	53	45	.....	47	.....	183	13	6	.....	418	262	.....	163	152	Yes
	Totals	45	211	366	373	590	512	337	280	650	1022	67	47	20	4436	2901	17	788	1601	

Table F TRAINING UNION

Associational Director: Mrs. Earl Teague, R-2, Taylorsville

Churches	Training Union Directors and Addresses	TRAINING UNION ENROLMENT													
		Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Adults, 25-34	Adults, 35 and up	General Officers	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance	No. Training Schools	Observe Youth Week?
1. Antioch	Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, Taylorsville	8	9	9	40	34	20	9	13	27	3	172	124	3	No
2. Bethlehem	Hal Teague, R-1, Taylorsville	18	10	13	28	18	19	.....	26	17	3	152	94	1	Yes
3. Hiddenite	Marcella Hines, Hiddenite	.....	.....	.....	18	17	9	.....	.....	14	2	60	51	2	Yes
4. Macedonia	Mrs. Leona Mecimore, R-1, Taylorsville	.....	8	7	10	10	.....	.....	10	20	1	65	40	.....	No
5. Mt. Herman	Joe Price, R-2, Taylorsville	8	10	22	30	18	9	.....	11	15	3	126	104	1	No
6. Oxford Memorial	Millie Reid, R-2, Taylorsville	3	5	14	16	15	10	.....	18	.....	4	85	53	1	No
7. Smyrna	Estelle Echerd, R-1, Taylorsville	18	.....	12	10	.....	12	.....	.....	21	3	76	48	1	Yes
8. Stony Point	Mary Oliver, Stony Point	.....	.....	7	10	27	22	.....	9	20	.....	105	66	1	Yes
9. East Taylorsville	Conley Pennell, R-2, Taylorsville	4	3	10	26	19	12	.....	.....	47	5	126	48	.....	Yes
10. First Taylorsville	Mrs. E. H. Mills, Taylorsville	NO REPORT													
	Totals	59	45	94	188	158	113	9	87	181	24	967	628	10	

Table H and I TOTAL GIFTS AND LOCAL EXPENDITURES

Associational Treasurer: J. B. Farthing, Taylorsville

Churches	Treasurers and Addresses	Total Gifts For All Purposes	Total Salaries (Not Including Pastor's)	Maintenance, Insurance, Repair	New Buildings and Equipment	Literature, Song Books, Printing	Local Missions & Benevolences	Revival Expenses & Pastoral Supply	Payment On Church Debt	Other Local Expenses	Total Local Expenses (Excluding Pastor's Salary)	Pastor's Salary (Money Paid)	Grand Total Local Expense
1. Antioch	Dewey Austin, R-5, Hickory	14,796	600	852	956	813	25	1,350	1,365	2,417	8,378	2,325	10,703
2. Bethlehem	Leo Bowman, Hickory	20,097	790	475	539	1,112	85	350	6,323	2,300	11,974	4,800	16,774
3. Beulah	Unie Gantt, Taylorsville	8,363	60	118	4,000	142	.....	100	682	526	5,629	2,455	8,084
4. Calvary	Mrs. Nay Brookshire, Taylorsville	8,281	360	290	371	167	891	323	.....	228	2,633	4,680	7,313
5. Damascus	Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Statesville	2,175	.....	94	226	74	.....	125	.....	180	699	1,076	1,775
6. Hiddenite	Gerald Goble, Taylorsville	9,816	999	313	78	766	341	210	.....	896	4,604	3,850	8,454
7. Lebanon	Ann Fortner, R-4, Taylorsville	.....	88	.....	850	66	361	85	.....	269	1,720	729	2,449
8. Liledoun	Ernest Jenkins, Taylorsville	.....	410	585	386	474	302	672	5,853	248	8,933	2,634	11,567
9. Linney's Grove	Sanford Hayes, Hiddenite	3,361	.....	99	1,021	115	33	83	.....	566	1,917	1,277	3,194
10. Little River	Mrs. Guy Rogers, Taylorsville	4,420	409	150	290	278	165	100	3,163	.....	4,066	1,200	5,266
11. Macedonia	Conrad Fox, Taylorsville	15,680	.....	300	4,510	203	135	100	4,100	800	10,148	4,342	14,490
12. Millersville	Mrs. G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville	.....	65	.....	1,513	73	.....	71	.....	110	1,832	819	2,648
13. Mt. Herman	Wayne McBride, Taylorsville	9,514	600	164	79	410	737	305	.....	1,400	3,695	3,825	7,520
14. Mt. Olive	Evelyn Davis, Taylorsville	3,212	.....	713	.....	.....	227	116	.....	.....	1,056	782	1,838
15. Oxford Memorial	Pender Caldwell, Taylorsville	3,756	64	46	68	292	236	208	824	627	2,301	1,107	3,472
16. Pilgrim	Waitsel Johnson, Hiddenite	.....	.....	45	281	82	204	166	.....	960	1,738	890	2,628
17. Pleasant Hill	Olin Harrington, Taylorsville	1,928	135	94	43	100	167	93	.....	229	865	676	1,541
18. Poplar Springs	Mrs. Ray Rogers, Taylorsville	3,831	.....	158	.....	62	539	224	.....	154	1,137	1,676	2,813
19. Smyrna	Billy Killian, Taylorsville	7,481	255	572	4,494	292	108	132	.....	50	5,904	3,050	8,954
20. Stony Point	Howard Norton, Stony Point	28,399	4,051	2,170	2,650	1,370	251	130	3,381	2,337	16,343	4,660	21,003
21. East Taylorsville	Glenn Davis, Taylorsville	16,320	835	681	.....	838	53	510	.....	2.709	5,624	5,200	10,828
22. First Taylorsville	B. L. Mauney, Taylorsville	32,483	2,049	1,289	22,607	2,487	391	883	6,602	3,452	39,761	5,778	45,540
	Totals	193,913	11,770	9,208	44,962	10,216	5,251	6,336	32,293	20,458	140,957	57,828	198,854

Table J and K MISSION EXPENDITURES AND TOTAL EXPENDITURES

Associational Missionary: A. E. Watts, Taylorsville

Churches	Clerks of Churches and Addresses	Cooperative Program	Associational or District	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Children's Home	Designated Hospitals	Other Objects	Total Mission Expenditures	Grand Total Expenditures for All Purposes
1. Antioch	Warren Keller, R-1, Taylorsville	1,020	195	115	70	555	208	281	93	278	2,815	13,518
2. Bethlehem	Claude Bowman, R-2, Hickory	1,651	190	47	74	205	.....	209	130	298	2,804	19,578
3. Beulah	Sue Johnson, R-2, Taylorsville	63	.....	7	.....	29	.....	.....	31	7	138	8,222
4. Calvary	Mrs. Nay Brookshire, R-1, Taylorsville	.....	80	13	.....	.....	.....	25	40	20	178	7,491
5. Damascus	Mrs. Ralph Wilson, R-2, Statesville	.....	.....	.....	.....	274	118	57	.....	96	545	2,320
6. Hiddenite	W. O. Goble, R-1, Hiddenite	641	.....	42	63	197	4	642	153	174	1,918	10,373
7. Lebanon	Mrs. James Watts, R-4, Taylorsville	26	.....	.....	.....	480	65	41	23	.....	676	3,126
8. Liledoun	Roland Kerley, R-2, Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	21	258	.....	228	217	.....	726	12,293
9. Linney's Grove	Mrs. E. F. Millsaps, R-1, Hiddenite	.....	.....	.....	.....	96	.....	15	31	25	167	3,361
10. Little River	Edwin Teague, Taylorsville	384	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	384	5,650
11. Macedonia	Mrs. Kermit Patterson, R-1, Stony Point	30	60	40	100	.....	70	100	50	550	1,000	15,480
12. Millersville	G. S. Hampton, R-1, Taylorsville	.....	19	.....	12	.....	.....	10	11	13	65	2,713
13. Mt. Herman	H. L. Gilleland, R-2, Taylorsville	984	150	91	77	149	.....	147	31	.....	1,629	9,149
14. Mt. Olive	S. C. Deal, R-4, Taylorsville	.....	.....	.. 75	58	150	.....	312	44	271	910	2,521
15. Oxford Memorial	Millie Reid, R-2, Taylorsville	27	40	13	.....	100	.....	63	29	.....	272	3,744
16. Pilgrim	Richard Bustle, Moravian Falls	.....	.....	67	.....	128	.....	54	160	.....	411	3,039
17. Pleasant Hill	Edith Harrington, R-3, Taylorsville	.....	.....	19	.....	111	.....	35	30	.....	196	1,737
18. Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roy Rogers, R-4, Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	232	88	.....	338	3,151
19. Smyrna	Waitsel Cline, R-1, Taylorsville	400	15	344	20	13	22	71	20	92	999	9,953
20. Stony Point	Vance Stikeleather, Stony Point	2,383	430	103	251	3,044	.....	924	.....	200	7,336	28,339
21. East Taylorsville		1,920	360	28	75	582	.....	75	66	195	3,302	14,130
22. First Taylorsville	C. E. Echerd, Taylorsville	3,295	520	429	155	803	5	478	197	980	6,865	52,405
	Totals	12,824	2,059	1,433	976	7,192	492	3,999	1,444	3,199	33,674	232,293

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Where Held	Preacher	Moderator	Clerk
1887	Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1888	Antioch	J. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1889	Bethel	J. B. Poole	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1890	Concord	D. W. Poole	L. P. Gwaltney	T. A. Hudson
1891	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1892	Taylorsville	W. J. Bumgarner	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1893	Bethlehem	J. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1894	Mt. Olive	J. M. Shaver	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1895	Pleasant Hill	C. Durham	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1896	Pilgrim	D. W. Poole	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1897	Sulphur Springs	J. A. White	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1898	Little River	L. P. Gwaltney	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1899	Linney's Grove	J. J. Reach	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1900	Lebanon	D. W. Poole	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1901	Three Forks	R. L. Davis	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1902	Taylor Springs	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1903	Poplar Springs	R. L. Davis	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1904	Macedonia	O. A. Keller	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1905	Antioch	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1906	Bethel	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1907	Bethlehem	R. Lee Davis	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1908	Concord	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1909	Damascus	J. M. Shaver	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1910	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1911	Lebanon	J. M. Shaver	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1912	Linney's Grove	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1913	Taylorsville	Lloyd Teague	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1914	Stony Point	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1915	Mt. Olive	D. W. Poole	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1916	Pilgrim	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1917	Mt. Herman	E. V. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1918			J. W. Watts	
1919	Sulphur Springs	B. F. Austin	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1920	Three Forks	T. H. Williams	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1921	Taylor Springs	T. E. Payne	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1922	Macedonia	L. E. Barnes	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1923	Bethany	J. W. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1924	Concord	J. S. Stephenson	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1925	Taylorsville	J. M. McAlpine	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1926	Antioch		J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1927	Mt. Olive	J. H. Boggs	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1928	Pleasant Grove	J. W. Rash	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1929	Mt. Hebron	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1930	White Plains	C. C. Holland	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1931	Pleasant Hill	J. L. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1932	Sulphur Springs	S. I. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1933	Macedonia	A. T. Howell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1934	Little River	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1935	Hiddenite	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1936	Fairview	F. A. Pennell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod

1937	East Taylorsville	Lee James	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1938	Three Forks	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1939	Linncy's Grove	C. C. Holland	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1940	Bethlehem	T. L. Blalock	A. E. Watts	G. L. Chatham
1941	Pilgrim	J. C. Gwaltney	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1942	Antioch	E. C. Shoe	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1943	Damascus	E. V. Bumgarner	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1944	First Taylorsville	H. L. Good	E. C. Shoe	W. C. Grose
1945	Stony Point	Howard J. Ford	E. C. Shoe	Homer L. Good
1946	Damascus	E. C. Shoe	A. C. Payne	Homer L. Good
	Three Forks			
1947	East Taylorsville	A. E. Watts	A. C. Payne	Homer L. Good
	Taylor Springs			
1948	Poplar Springs	A. B. Bumgarner	H. L. Good	W. W. Harrington
	Bethel			
1949	Antioch	W. O. Johnson	E. V. Bumgarner	W. W. Harrington
	Hiddenite			
1950	Liledoun	J. A. Icenhour	A. B. Bumgarner	J. L. Wells
	Mt. Herman			
1951	Stony Point	J. L. Wells	H. L. Good	J. L. Wells
	East Taylorsville			
1952	First Taylorsville	J. R. Lail	H. L. Good	J. L. Wells
	Smyrna			
1953	Pleasant Hill	David C. Boaz	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Bethlehem			
1954	Pilgrim	Herman Johnson	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Little River			
1955	Linney's Grove	R. L. Dixon	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Hiddenite			
1956	Liledoun	H. L. Good	A. E. Watts	W. O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1957	Macedonia	W. O. Warren	A. E. Watts	W. O. Warren
	First Taylorsville			
1958	Antioch	Horace Moree	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			

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DEDICATION

ATWELL EDWIN WATTS

Atwell Edwin Watts entered the ministry in 1920 at the age of 25, and was ordained by the Yadkin Baptist Church in Caldwell County in 1924. His first pastorate was at Moravian Falls Baptist Church in Wilkes County, where he served more than ten years. In almost forty years of pastoral work he served several churches in Alexander, Iredell, Wilkes and Caldwell Counties. After serving as pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Alexander County for sixteen years, he resigned his pastoral work, due to ill health. In addition to his pastoral duties, he has been active in Associational work, serving as President of the Pastors' Conference for several years and as Moderator of the Alexander Baptist Association for five years.

After retiring from an active pastorate in 1956, he found much of his time being demanded in Associational activities. This time he gladly gave without compensation.

In 1957 the Associational work had become a full-time job, and at the request of the Association he became Missionary to the Alexander Baptist Association, an office he has served, and is serving, well. In spite of ill health he is realizing a lifelong desire: to see the Alexander Baptist Association strengthened in fellowship and in missionary endeavors for our Lord.

It is with a deep feeling of gratitude in our hearts that we dedicate the Minutes of the Seventy-Second Annual Session of the Alexander Baptist Association to Atwell Edwin Watts, our beloved Associational Missionary.

For his untiring efforts in developing and promoting a deeper feeling of spiritual unity among the people and churches of our Association, we shall ever be grateful.

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Moderator.....R. M. Grant, R-3, Taylorsville
Vice-Moderator.....R. L. Dixon, Taylorsville
Clerk.....W. O. Warren, R-1, Taylorsville
Treasurer.....James Farthing, Taylorsville
Missionary.....A. E. Watts, Taylorsville
Historian.....C. E. Echerd, Taylorsville
Sunday School Superintendent.....I. V. Couch, R-1, Taylorsville
Training Union Director.....Mrs. Earl Teague, R-2, Taylorsville
W.M.U. Superintendent.....Mrs. R. L. Dixon, Taylorsville
Brotherhood President.....A. D. Lindsey, R-1, Stony Point
Music Director.....Lucy Echerd, Taylorsville
Evangelism.....M. H. Gilliam, Hiddenite
Children's Homes.....D. R. Kerley, R-2, Taylorsville
Hospital.....J. W. Teague, R-2, Taylorsville
Homes for the Aging.....W. B. Pittard, Taylorsville

Missions Committee

H. M. Cartner, Chmn. J. H. Watts Kenneth Kerley

Nominating Committee

Horace Moree A. D. Lindsey Rom Moose

Time, Place and Preacher Committee

I. V. Couch Otis Fox Mrs. Dewey Davis

Program Committee

R. M. Winecoff Mrs. P. E. Johnson Moderator

Resolutions Committee

M. H. Gilliam Edith Harrington Jeffie Daniels

Digest of Church Letters Committee

W. O. Warren Marcella Hines Homer Baity

REPORT OF TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE — 1960 MEETING

Time — October 12 and 13, 1960.
Place — First Day Poplar Springs; Second Day East Taylorsville.
Preacher — Hayden Cartner; Alternate: Glenn Moree.

Respectfully submitted
I. V. Couch
Oddis Fox
Mrs. Dewey Davis

Program

Seventy-Second Annual Session

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

October 14-15, 1959

Beulah and Stony Point Baptist Churches

M. R. Grant.....Moderator
Miss Lucy Echerd.....Chorister

THEME: *"The Baptist Association-A New Testament Fellowship"*

Wednesday Morning Session

(Beulah Baptist Church, Taylorsville)

9:45 Worship
Hymn
Scripture and Prayer.....Rev. B. F. Peeler

10:00 Associational Organization
Welcome.....Rev. Glenn Moree
Host Pastor

Roll Call of Churches
Welcome of Visitors
Recognition of New Pastors.....Rev. Love Dixon
Appointment of Committees.....Moderator
Adoption of Program.....Chairman of Program Committee

10:20 The Baptist Association: A New Testament Fellowship
Scripture
Prayer
Special Music
Sermon.....Rev. I. V. Couch

10:55 Hymn
The Bible: The Foundation of A New Testament Fellowship
Sunday School Report.....Edd Elliott
Vacation Bible School Report.....Mrs. L. W. Davis
Christian Literature.....Rev. Horace Moree
Hymn
Message.....Dr. Heber Peacock
Pastor First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro

12:05 Adjourn for Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon Session

(Beulah Baptist Church, Taylorsville)

1:15 Hymn
Scripture and Prayer.....Rev. Wade Rogers
Miscellaneous Business.....Moderator

1:30 Benevolence: The Compassion of A New Testament Fellowship
Homes for the Aged Report.....Rev. Otto Johnson
Baptist Hospital Report.....James Teague
Children's Homes Report.....Rev. H. I. Johnson

Report of Christian Action League.....Rev. Mack McCurdy
Hymn
Message.....Dr. W. R. Wagner
Superintendent Baptist Children's Homes

2:45 Evangelism: The Fruit of A New Testament Fellowship
Report on Church Music.....Miss Lucy Echerd
Report on Evangelism.....Rev. Maurice Gilliam
Special Music
Message.....Dr. John Sykes
Pastor First Baptist Church, Statesville

3:40 Announcements and Adjournment

Thursday Morning Session
(Stony Point Baptist Church)

9:45 Hymn
Scripture and Prayer.....Rev. Glenn Moree
Welcome By Host Pastor.....Rev. Hayden Cartner
Miscellaneous Business and Announcements
Hymn

10:05 Stewardship: The Mark of Maturity in a New Testament Fellowship
Report of Associational Clerk.....Rev. W. O. Warren
Report of Clinic on Church Finance.....Rev. Love Dixon
Hymn
Message.....Rev. Howard Ford
Pastor First Baptist Church, Elkin
Hymn

11:00 The Convention: Coordinating A New Testament Fellowship
Historical Report.....C. E. Echerd
Report on Associational Missions.....Rev. I. V. Couch
Rev. A. E. Watts
Special Music
Message.....Dr. Douglas Branch
Executive Secretary N. C. Baptist State Convention

12:05 Announcements and Adjournment for Lunch

Thursday Afternoon Session
(Stony Point Baptist Church)

1:15 Hymn
Scripture and Prayer.....Rev. Hinkle Little

1:30 Business Session
Report of Committees
Election of Officers

1:50 Training: The Framework of A New Testament Fellowship
Training Union Report.....Mrs. Earl Teague
Christian Education.....Rev. Hayden Cartner
Hymn
Message.....Dr. J. C. Canipe
Fruitland Bible School

2:30 Missions: The Focus of A New Testament Fellowship
Hymn
Brotherhood Report.....A. D. Lindsay
W.M.U. Report.....Miss Evelyn Keller
Message.....Rev. Robert Winecoff
3:30 Adjourn

LIST OF MESSENGERS

ANTIOCH — Carl Munday, Mrs. Earl Teague and Mrs. Ray Benfield.

BETHLEHEM — Ralph Sigmon, Mrs. Will Hall and Mrs. G. L. Lewis.

BEULAH —

CALVARY — Pearl Steele, Mildred Little and Georgie Warren.

DAMASCUS — Foy Johnson, Mrs. Joe Wilson and Mrs. Vance Cook.

HIDDENITE — Harvey Vuncannon, Mrs. Dan Davis and Mrs. Mock Kerley.

LEBANON — Mrs. C. D. Poole, Mrs. James Watts and Mrs. Curlee Chapman.

LILEDOUN — Otis Fox, J. W. Teague and C. I. Chapman.

LINNEY'S GROVE — Pleas McLain, S. D. Gwaltney and Sanford Hayes.

LITTLE RIVER — Edwin Teague, Guy Rogers and Lindsey Brown.

MACEDONIA — Lola Mahaffey, Fannie Ingram and Amanda Stafford.

MILLERSVILLE — G. S. Hampton, Ben Thompson and Charlie Fox.

MT. HERMAN — Henry Gilliland, Mrs. Willie Johnson and Mrs. Herman Kerley.

MT. OLIVE — Mrs. R. W. Pearson, D. E. Davis and Mrs. Everette Davis.

OXFORD MEMORIAL — Ralph Kerley, Mrs. Ralph Kerley and Effie Caldwell.

PILGRIM — Richard Bustle, Ray Bunton and Gordon Mayberry.

PLEASANT HILL — Edith Harrington, Jeffie Daniels and Mrs. Ransom Childers.

POPLAR SPRINGS — Butler Chapman, Mrs. Roy Rogers and Mrs. Mack Walker.

SMYRNA — Waitsel Cline, Charlie Cline and Everette Teague.

STONY POINT — Jess Watts, Mrs. Jess Watts and Clay Grose.

EAST TAYLORSVILLE — Edd Elliott, Dessie Meredith and Mrs. Butler Chapman.

FIRST TAYLORSVILLE — Lucy Echerd, Rom Moose and Mrs. Rom Moose.

PROCEEDINGS

SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

of the

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

October 14-15, 1959

Wednesday Morning Session

1. The Alexander Baptist Association convened in its seventy-second annual session with Beulah Baptist Church, October 14, 1959, at 9:45 a. m. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Maurice Grant.
2. Robert Winecoff led in singing "O How I Love Jesus" for the opening hymn. He was accompanied by Miss Lucy Echerd at the piano.
3. Harold Watts led the morning devotion, using John 17 as his scripture, and asking God's blessings on the day's session.
4. Glenn Moree, host pastor, had words of welcome from Beulah Baptist Church.
5. The Moderator called for and recognized several visitors at this time (listed elsewhere in the minutes).
6. The Clerk made a roll call of the churches at this time, and reported that all were represented.
7. New pastors in the Association were recognized and welcomed by R. L. Dixon.
8. The Moderator announced the various committees at this time (listed elsewhere in the minutes).
9. W. B. Pittard presented the program, and moved its adoption.
10. Robert Winecoff announced the coming Central Training School and urged the support of all the churches.
11. I. V. Couch brought an inspiring message at this time, using "A New Testament Fellowship" as his topic.
12. Mrs. Jim Robinette sang "It Took A Miracle."
13. Mrs. Couch led in singing "How Firm A Foundation."
14. Edd Elliott gave the Sunday School report and moved its adoption.
15. Mrs. L. W. Davis gave the Vacation Bible School report and moved its adoption.
16. Horace Moree gave the report on Christian Literature and moved its adoption. Bro. Bazemore spoke to this report.
17. Mrs. Couch led in singing "Standing On The Promises."
18. W. B. Pittard introduced Dr. Peacock, pastor of First Baptist Church in North Wilkesboro, who brought a fine message, using Heb. 4 as his scripture and "The Bible: A Foundation of A New Testament Fellowship" as his topic.
19. A. E. Watts made an announcement about the lunch to be served by the host church.

20. Robert Winecoff gave thanks for the food and the session adjourned for lunch.

Wednesday Afternoon Session

21. At 1:45 the Association re-convened. Mrs. Couch led in singing "The Great Physician."
22. Wade Rogers led in the afternoon devotion, using Acts 20 as his scripture.
23. The Moderator recognized visitors that had come since the morning session.
24. Otto Johnson gave the report on the Homes for the Aging and moved its adoption.
25. Mack McCurdy gave the report on the Christian Action League and moved its adoption.
26. In the absence of James Teague, A. E. Watts gave the Hospital report and moved its adoption. Dr. McGee spoke to this report.
27. The Moderator recognized James Hayes, who spoke about the Homes for the Aging.
28. Mr. Couch led in singing "To The Work."
29. H. I. Johnson gave the report on the Children's Homes and moved its adoption.
30. Dr. Wagoner from the Children's home brought an inspiring message, using "Compassion" as his subject.
31. Lucy Echerd gave the report on Church Music and moved its adoption.
32. C. E. Echerd gave the history of Beulah Baptist Church.
33. Maurice Gilliam gave the report on Evangelism and moved its adoption.
34. The Hiddenite Junior Choir, directed by Mrs. Gilliam, offered special music at this time.
35. Dr Sikes, pastor of First Baptist Church in Statesville, brought an inspiring message, using the Great Commission as his subject.
36. The Moderator asked for announcements at this time. There being no further business, Dr. McGee led the closing prayer and the session was adjourned to meet the following day with Stony Point Baptist Church.

Thursday Morning Session

37. The Moderator called the session to order.
38. Mrs. Couch led in singing "I Need Thee Every Hour."
39. Ralph Kerley led the morning devotion, using John 4: 35-36 as his scripture.
40. A. D. Lindsey spoke in behalf of the pastor of Stony Point Baptist Church, who was not present. He offered words of welcome and instructions.
41. Visitors were recognized at this time.

42. Robert Winecoff spoke in behalf of the Central Training School.
43. Mrs. Couch led in singing "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone."
44. The Clerk commented on the Digest of Church Letters.
45. Love Dixon gave the report on Security for Pastors Tomorrow and moved its adoption.
46. Mrs. Couch led in singing "I Give My Life For Thee."
47. Howard Ford, pastor of First Baptist Church in Elkin, brought a fine message, using I Peter 4: 10 as his scripture.
48. Mrs. Couch led in singing "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone."
49. Visitors were recognized at this time.
50. I. V. Couch introduced Frank Koger, who spoke about the extension work of our seminaries possible in our Association.
51. C. E. Echerd gave the report of the History of Stony Point Baptist Church.
52. I. V. Couch gave the report on Associational Missions, asking A. E. Watts to read his report, then bringing the Proposed Budget and moved its adoption.
53. Mrs. Gilliam sang "The Love of God."
54. Dr. Branch, General Secretary of the State Convention, brought a good message, using "Our Baptist Work" as his subject.
55. A. D. Lindsey made announcements about the lunch to be served by the host church.
56. Thanks were offered for the food and the session adjourned for lunch.

Thursday Afternoon Session

57. The session was called to order by the Moderator.
58. Mrs. Couch led in singing "Jesus Saves."
59. Henkle Little led the afternoon devotion, using I John 1 as his scripture.
60. The Moderator asked Love Dixon, Vice-Moderator, to take over at this time.
61. I. V. Couch made a motion that we take $300.00 from our surplus fund to purchase equipment for the new office being prepared for the Associational Missionary.
62. W. B. Pittard made a motion that the Moderator appoint a committee to make such revisions to the present Constitution which cover those differences which have become common practice in the Association. The changes will include the recognizing of the Departments of Missions, Music and Evangelism. That Committees on Missions and Finance be included. That the Executive Committee be enlarged to include all pastors and one member from each church.

    That for the forthcoming year 1959-1960 all department heads, all committee chairmen, each active pastor in the Association and one member of each church have voting rights on the Executive Committee.

63. The report on Time, Place and Preacher was given at this time.
64. The report of the Resolutions Committee was given at this time.
65. The report of the Nominating Committee was given.
66. A. E. Watts made a motion that the present Finance Committee be elected for the year.
67. Mrs. Earl Teague gave the Training Union report and moved its adoption.
68. Maurice Gilliam gave the report on Christian Education and moved its adoption.
69. Mrs. Couch led in singing "Teach Me O Lord I Pray."
70. Dr. J. C. Canipe, President of Fruitland Bible Institute, brought an inspiring message, using "The Christian Life" as his subject.
71. Mrs. Couch led in another song at this time.
72. A. D. Lindsey gave the Brotherhood report and moved its adoption.
73. Evelyn Keller gave the W.M.U. report and moved its adoption.
74. The Moderator appointed the Committee To Revise The Constitution at this time. The committee is: R. L. Dixon, Chairman; Robert Winecoff and W. C. Gross.
75. Robert Winecoff brought a stirring message, using Matthew 9: 35-38 as his scripture.
76. There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn. W. B. Pittard led the closing prayer and the seventy-second annual session of the Alexander Baptist Association came to a close.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

ANTIOCH — Pastor, Robert Winecoff, R-2, Taylorsville; Clerk, Warren Keller, R-1, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Blaine Hollar, R-2, Taylorsville; Training Union Director, Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, R-2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Clarence Benfield, R-1, Granite Falls; W.M.U. President, Ethel Mae Hollar, R-2, Taylorsville; Librarian, Faye Milstead, R-2, Taylorsville; Choir Director, W. R. Austin, R-2, Taylorsville; Pianist or Organist, Sue Austin, R-2, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, Jay Hollar, R-2, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Dewey Austin, Hickory.

BETHLEHEM — Pastor, I. V. Couch, R-1, Taylorsville; Clerk, Claude Bowman, R-2, Hickory; Sunday School Superintendent, Maynard Hefner, R-1, Taylorsville; Training Union Director, Clyde Carrigan, R-1, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Mrs. I. V. Couch, R-1, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Leo Bowman, Hickory; Organist or Pianist, Mrs. Howard Teague, R-1, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, Hal Teague, R-1, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Fred Sigmon, R-5, Hickory; W.M.U. President, Mrs. Maynard Hefner, R-1, Taylorsville.

BEULAH — Pastor, Glenn Moree, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. Sam Johnson, R-2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Unie Gant, Taylorsville; Organist or Pianist, Eunice Bowman, R-2, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, Escar Bowman, R-2, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Harold Keever, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Escar Bowman, R-2, Taylorsville; W.M.U. President, Bernice Moree, Taylorsville.

CALVARY — Pastor, Henkle Little, Taylorsville; Clerk, Dwight Warren, R-2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Dwight Warren, Organist or Pianist, Craig Little, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, Dwight Warren; Sunday School Superintendent, Darrell Fox, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Ned Little, Taylorsville.

DAMASCUS — Pastor, Irvin Wallace, Harmony; Clerk, Mrs. Ralph Wilson, R-2, Statesville; Treasurer, Mrs. Ralph Wilson; Organist or Pianist, Elaine Wilson, R-2, Statesville; Sunday School Superintendent, Dwight Johnson, R-2, Hiddenite; Choir Director, R. A. Wilson.

HIDDENITE — Pastor, Maurice Gilliam, Hiddenite; Clerk, W. O. Goble, R-2, Hiddenite; Treasurer, Gerald Goble, R-2, Hiddenite; Organist or Pianist, Sylvia Thomas and Mrs. Grier Thomas, Hiddenite; Chairman of Deacons, Gordon Martin, Hiddenite; Librarian, Norma Jean Warren, Hiddenite; Sunday School Superintendent, R. M. Grant, R-3, Taylorsville; Training Union Director, Marcella Hines, Hiddenite; Choir Director, Hugh Welborn, Statesville;W.M.U. President, Mrs. Mack Kerley, Stony Point.

LEBANON — Pastor, Paul McAlpin, R-3, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. James Watts, R-4, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Peggy Fortner, R-4, Taylorsville; Organist or Pianist, Brenda Harrington, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, C. D. Poole, R-4, Taylorsville; Librarian, Cecil Fortner, R-4, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, C. D. Poole; Choir Director, Mrs. Curlee Chapman and J. P. Watts, R-4, Taylorsville; W M.U. President, Mrs. C. D. Poole, R-4, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, J. H. Watts, R-4, Taylorsville.

LILEDOUN — Clerk, Roland Kerley, R-2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Bobby Simmons, R-2, Taylorsville; Organist or Pianist, Jane Jenkins, R-2, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, M. I. Little, R-2, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Bill Dyson, R-2, Taylorsville; Choir Director, C. I. Chapman, R-2, Taylorsville; W.M.U. President, Mrs. Gray Don Dyson, R-2, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Clinard Stafford, R-2, Taylorsville.

LINNEY'S GROVE — Clerk, Mrs. C. F. Millsaps, R-1, Hiddenite; Treasurer, Sanford Hayes, R-1, Hiddenite; Organist or Pianist, Mrs. Atwell Childers, R-1, Hiddenite; Chairman of Deacons, Jay Gwaltney, Hickory; Sunday School Superintendent, Luke McCurdy, R-1, Hiddenite; Choir Director, H. J. Gwaltney, R-1, Hiddenite.

LITTLE RIVER — Pastor, Hunter Church, North Wilkesboro; Clerk, Edwin Teague, R-4, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. Guy Rogers, R-2, Taylorsville; Organist or Pianist, Louise Chapman, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, Lindsey Brown, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Roy N. Barnes, R-4, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Roy N. Barnes; W.M.U. President, Pauline Orren, R-4, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Joe McDuffie, R-4, Taylorsville.

MACEDONIA — Pastor, W. O. Warren, R-1, Taylorsville; Clerk, Yvonne Patterson, R-1, Stony Point; Treasurer, Conrad Fox, R-1, Taylorsville; Organist or Pianist, Marie Brinkley, R-1, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, Redge Chapman, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Kermit Patterson, R-1, Stony Point; Training Union Director,

Leona Mecimore, R-1, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Redge Chapman; W.M.U. President, Lorene Icenhour, R-3, Taylorsville.

MILLERSVILLE — Pastor, Wade Rogers, Taylorsville; Clerk, G. S. Hampton, R-1, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. G. S. Hampton; Organist or Pianist, Mrs. G. S. Hampton; Chairman of Deacons, Ben Thompson, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, G. S. Hampton.

MT. HERMAN — Pastor, L. W. Teague (interim), Granite Falls; Clerk, Henry Gilliland, R-2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Wayne McBride, R-4, Taylorsville; Organist or Pianist, Mrs. J. D. Bowman, R-2, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, Kenneth Kerley, R-4, Taylorsville; Librarian, Mrs. Willie Johnson, R-2, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Kenneth Kerley; Training Union Director, Joe Price, R-2, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Mrs. Howard Stafford, R-2, Taylorsville; W.M.U. President, Mrs. P. E. Johnson, R-2, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Clarence Keller, R-2, Taylorsville.

MT. OLIVE — Pastor, Wade Miller, Wilkesboro; Clerk, Sam Wike, R-4, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. Dewey Davis, R-4, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, Ralph Russell, R-4, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, T. C. Rogers, R-3, Taylorsville; W.M.U. President, Mrs. Kermit Hayes, R-4, Taylorsville.

OXFORD MEMORIAL — Pastor, Ralph Kerley, R-2, Taylorsville; Clerk, Inez Haney, R-2, Lenoir; Treasurer, Pender Caldwell, R-2, Taylorsville; Organist or Pianist, Janie Anderson, R-2, Lenoir; Chairman of Deacons, Millard Brookshire, R-2, Lenoir; Sunday School Superintendent, Millard Brookshire; Training Union Director, Mrs. Ralph Kerley; Choir Director, Junior Barber, R-2, Lenoir.

PILGRIM — Pastor, W. O. Johnson, R-2, Taylorsville; Clerk, Richard Bustle, Moravian Falls; Treasurer, Commer Bowles, Hiddenite; Organist or Pianist, Mrs. Grady Millsaps, Statesville; Chairman of Deacons, W. G. Mayberry, Moravian Falls; Sunday School Superintendent, Paul Mayberry, Union Grove; Choir Director, W. G. Mayberry; Brotherhood President, Glenn Beard, R-2, Hiddenite.

PLEASANT HILL — Pastor, J. H. Watts, R-3, Taylorsville; Clerk, Edith Harrington, R-3, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Wade Childers, Taylorsville; Organist or Pianist, Phyllis Burke, R-3, Taylorsville; Chairmen of Deacons, Clint Childers, R-3, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Tommy Daniels, R-3, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Olin Harrington, R-3, Taylorsville.

POPLAR SPRINGS — Pastor, W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. Roy Rogers, R-4, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. Roy Rogers; Organist or Pianist, Wanda Rector, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons W. E. Crouch, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, James Chapman, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Butler Chapman, R-4, Taylorsville.

SMYRNA — Pastor, Horace Moree, R-1, Taylorsville; Clerk, Waitsel Cline, R-1, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Billy Killian, R-1, Taylorsville; Organist or pianist, Betty Teague, R-1, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, Elbert Bostian, R-1, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Elbert Bostian; Training Union Director, Estelle Echerd, R-1, Taylorsville;

Choir Director, Mrs. John Teague, R-1, Taylorsville; W.M.U. President, Mrs. Ray Stafford, R-1, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Glenn Lail, R-1, Taylorsville.

STONY POINT — Pastor, Hayden Cartner, Stony Point; Clerk, Anne Faires, Stony Point; Treasurer, Howard Norton, R-1, Stony Point; Organist or Pianist, Mrs. Bill Goodson, Stony Point; Librarian, Carrie Pharr, Stony Point; Sunday School Superintendent, A. D. Lindsey, R-1, Stony Point; Training Union Director, Mrs. Ben Deal, Stony Point; Choir Director, Jim Thomas, Charlotte; W.M.U. President, Mrs. Tom Norton, R-1, Stony Point; Brotherhood President, B. O. Hefner, Stony Point.

EAST TAYLORSVILLE — Pastor, R. L. Dixon, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. Clayton Cline, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Glenn Davis, R-1, Taylorsville; Organist or Pianist, Margie Dean Mayberry, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, Edd Elliott, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Edd Elliott; Training Union Director, Conley Pennell, R-2, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Homer Daniels, R-3, Taylorsville; W.M U. President, Mrs. L. W. Davis, R-3, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Edd Elloitt.

FIRST TAYLORSVILLE — Pastor, W. B. Pittard, Jr., Taylorsville; Clerk, C. E. Echerd, Taylorsville; Treasurer, B. L. Mauney, Taylorsville; Organist or Pianist, Mrs. W. W. Harrington, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, Rayford Rogers, Taylorsville; Librarian, Mrs. D. C. Thompson, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Clay Elledge, Taylorsville; Training Union Director, Judy Freeman, Taylorsville; W.M.U. President, Mrs. R. E. Current, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Gerald Hall, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Thelma Echerd, Taylorsville.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1959-1960

Associational Missions:		
a. Missionary Salary: $50.00 per week	$2,600.00	
b. Car Expenses: $50.00 per month	600 00	
c. Office Expense	400 00	
d. Equipment	100.00	
e. Social Security	100 00	
f. Convention Expenses	100.00	
Total	$3,900 00	$3,900.00
Central Training Schools	$ 200 00	
Associational Minutes	400 00	
Miscellaneous	200.00	
Sunday School	75 00	
Training Union	75.00	
Evangelism	60 00	
Music	35 00	
Brotherhood	60 00	
Vacation Bible School	35 00	
Woman's Missionary Union	70.00	
Total	$1,210.00	$1,210.00

Grand Total	$5,110.00
Less State Convention Help	999.00
Total To Be Raised By Churches	$4,111.00

PROPOSED INCOME FROM CHURCHES

Antioch	$500.00	Oxford Memorial	$104.00
Bethlehem	400 00	Liledoun	100.00
Beulah	52.00	Smyrna	130.00
Calvary	125 00	Stony Point	620.00
Hiddenite	225.00	East Taylorsville	400 00
Lebanon	75 00	Taylorsville First	620 00
Macedonia	150 00	Pleasant Hill	100.00
Mt. Herman	180.00		

The Budget Committee recommends that one Sunday be designated as Associational Missions Day in all churches. The date to be announced later.

The churches listed below have not committed themselves to any certain amount. However, they will have an opportunity to contribute on Associational Missions Day or they can follow any plan which has been or will be adopted by their churches:

Damascus	Linney's Grove	Little River
Mt. Olive	Millersville	Pilgrim
Poplar Springs		

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CHURCHES FOR YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1959

Antioch Church reports the largest Training Union in the Association.

Beulah reports that they are well pleased with their new pastor, Glenn Moree, who recently moved on the field.

Calvary reports 24 baptisms in the past year, the largest number in the Association.

Lebanon reports that they are making plans for an addition to their present church building in the near future.

Little River reports their present church building reworked. Also a new pastor just called: Hunter Church of North Wilkesboro.

Macedonia reports a new baptistry installed, the covering of floors throughout the Educational Building and the construction of a new parsonage, one of the most modern in this area.

Oxford Memorial has a new pastor, Ralph Kerley, who moved on the field recently from Kannapolis.

Poplar Springs reports that they are in the process of completing a new Educational Building.

East Taylorsville reports that they are nearing completion of a new and modern Educational Building. When completed it will be one of the nicest in the Association.

ADDITIONAL NOTES

The Alexander Baptist Association was formed at Macedonia Baptist Church, meeting for the first time September 30 and October 1 and 2, 1887.

The Associational Year closes with the last service in September or the 30th day.

Remember, all reports should be kept reasonably short — not over one page if possible.

Church Clerks should be very careful in filling out the Church Letter to the Association. It is the only record we have of your church.

The Alexander Ministers Conference Meets on Monday following the third Sunday of each month. The officers are:

President.....W. O. Warren
Vice-President.....I. V. Couch
Secretary.....Horace Moree
Chorister.....Henkle Little
Pianist.....H. M. Cartner

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

As your Nominating Committee we recommend and nominate the following list of officers for this Associational Year:

Moderator.....R. M. Grant
Vice-Moderator.....R. Love Dixon
Clerk.....W. O. Warren
Treasurer.....James B. Farthing
Historian.....Charles E. Echerd
Sunday School Superintendent.....I. V. Couch
Training Union Director.....Mrs. Earl Teague
W.M.U. Superintendent.....Mrs. R. Love Dixon
Brotherhood President.....A. D. Lindsey
Music Director.....Miss Lucy Echerd
Evangelism.....M. H. Gilliam
Orphanage Representative.....D. R. Kerley
Baptist Hospital Representative.....James W. Teague
Homes for the Aging Representative.....W. B. Pittard, Jr.
Missions Committee..H. M. Cartner, Chrm.; J. H. Watts, Kenneth Kerlley
Associational Missionary.....A. E. Watts

Respectfully submitted,
Horace Moree
A. D. Lindsey
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REPORT ON EVANGELISM

Evangelism is the heartbeat of Christianity. It is the life blood of our church program, of our associational program, and of our world program. It stands at the forefront of the Great Commission. Jesus said, "All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth.

Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations . . . " This is the divine imperative.

I am not happy to report to you this year that we had a decrease in the number of baptisms by 137 in our Association, nor am I happy to report to you that in our Association the ratio of baptisms to church membership increased from 1:18 to 1:34. This compares to 1:22 for the Southern Baptist Convention and 1:25 for our State Convention.

I am happy to report, however, that from all indications the spring simultaneous revivals crusade in North Carolina was the most fruitful ever. With one exception, every association in the State participated. Figures show that the fruit of revivals resulted in 20,000 additions, 15,000 by baptism, and more than 2,000 young people offered themselves for full-time Christian vocations.

The goal of Southern Baptists in ratio of baptisms to church members is 1:8, but the goal of our Lord is 1:1. Either constitutes a great challenge. Therefore, be it resolved that our Association adopt these goals:

1. To keep evangelism in the forefront of the church and Associational program.
2. To increase the number of baptisms in each church.
3. To have ninety per cent of our churches participating in the simultaneous revivals March 20-27.
4. To maintain a perennial program of evangelism in each church.

Respectfully submitted,
Maurice H. Gilliam

REPORT ON TRAINING UNION

I want to thank you for the privilege you have given me in allowing me to be your Training Union Director for the coming year. I sincerely ask that you pray for me constantly through the year.

As we think of the need for training in our churches, I feel that my efforts have been very inadequate in meeting that need. We still have a large number of churches without a definite training program.

I want to tell you four things that will help make a good Training Union in a church:

1. **Planning** — No effective Training Union can be provided without clear, concerted planning. If it is not planned, it will not serve the needs of the people. Planning keeps the needs of the individual focused clearly and seeks to meet these needs.
2. **Preparation** — Planning and preparation go hand in hand. We must secure adequate leaders, give them proper training and provide them with material to meet their need.
3. **Effective Promotion** — When promotion is personalized and individuals are made to realize that the training being offered is just what they need, they will respond.
4. **Provision** — We must make provision for every individual and for the needs of that individual. Basic training must be pro-

vided for those in the beginning stages of Training Union. The foundation must be laid through the teaching of the manuals to each age group. A Training Union is constantly enlisting new members and we must continue to teach them the basic methods of Training Union. But we cannot expect our workers who have already had basic training to keep participating in the primark work. We cannot expect to hold their interest and challenge their best. Me must provide advanced training for these through our Associational Training Schools and our summer assemblies.

If these four things are followed there will be some rewards for the church and for the individual. A Christian does not grow in grace by association and absorption, but he grows by taking advantage of the training opportunities offered by his church. He has the satisfaction of growing in grace, of developing spiritually and of working toward finishing that which the Lord started in him.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Earl Teague

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

In the world of today everyone seems to be reading. Seemingly they are reading more than ever before. The tragedy of so much reading is that many people are reading indecent literature. This indecent literature can be found almost anywhere and comes in the form of books, magazines and leaflets of all descriptions.

Baptist people are indeed fortunate in having a steady flow of good, clean, wholesome, Christian literature available for their reading. Among this literature that is available is the **Biblical Recorder**, our State paper, and **Charity and Children**, printed at Mills Home. Then we have magazines such as **Home Life**, **Home Missions**, **The Commission**, along with our Sunday School and Training Union literature.

Baptist people should be thankful for having such a good line of Christian literature printed for us by God-fearing men who endeavor to give us the very best in literature.

In the midst of all our reading we should never neglect the Bible, which is foremost in our lives. It is the most up-to-date book and should be a commentary on all other reading material.

Respectfully submitted,
Horace M. Moree

REPORT ON WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

The year 1959 has been a great one in Woman's Missionary work. We have organized a W.M.U. at Lebanon Church and have gained Mt. Olive back in our Association. This makes a total of fourteen in the Alexander Baptist Association. There are only eight churches in our Association without Woman's Missionary Societies. We are working and praying that we can have W.M.U. organizations in most of these this year.

We have gained 152 new members in our W.M.U. this year; 73

new members and seven new organizations in our Young People's organization. We thank each one who has worked toward making the increase.

We are grateful that more of our women are training themselves to carry on our Lord's work. More books have been read and taught this year than ever before. Our Community Missions program has been the greatest this year. Our ladies and young people have given food and clothing to the needy and cared for their sick and bereaved families in their churches. The ladies are seeing the needs of our people and are doing something to help them.

We thank God for our gifts to Missions this year. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions was $4,080.87. This was an increase of $684.05 over last year. The Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions was $1,103.98, an increase of $359.91 over last year. We hope it will be much more this year.

We thank each one who has taken a part this year in this great mission cause.

These last five and one-half years as President of Woman's Missionary Union for Alexander County have been happy ones for me. It has been a joy and an inspiration. I thank each of you Christian people who have helped and stood behind me.

I know that this year will be one of the greatest years yet for our Lord. Work while it is yet light for the day will come when no man worketh.

May the Lord bless us in mission work this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Evelyn Keller

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our theme for the 1958-59 year has been "That They Might Have Life." We have a Sunday School in every church, and one mission school at the Rest Home, for a total of 23 Sunday Schools.

Achievements this year are:

1. Twenty-four Vacation Bible Schools. One at each church and two mission schools. A Vacation Bible School Clinic was held March 26. Mrs. L. W. Davis, our State-approved Bible School worker, will give a full report on our Vacation Bible Schools. We thank God for her and the good work she has done this summer.
2. Two additional churches started the Punched Six Point Record System — Mt. Herman and Taylorsville First.
3. We enrolled 293 in our Central Training School, with an average attendance of 233. Two hundred and eleven earned awards in this school.
4. Seven hundred and twenty-one awards were earned in our departments during the year. We fell short of our goal of 1000.
5. East Taylorsville Church held the first commencement exercise in our Association, with 15 people receiving worker's diplomas. Four of these were advanced diplomas.

6. We had five churches to observe January Bible Study Week and six churches to observe Preparation Week. East Taylorsville Church observed Operation Home Study during the summer months.
7. Bethlehem was recognized as having a Standard Sunday School by Dr. Herman Ihley, Sunday School Secretary for North Carolina, on January 11, 1959.
8. East Taylorsville Church and Poplar Springs Church have almost finished their new educational buildings.

Numerous new departments and classes have been organized throughout our Association in order that better Sunday School work can be done during this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Edd K. Elliott

REPORT ON VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are happy to report the best year in Vacation Bible Schools our Association has ever known — a school in every church in the Association.

We had a total of 22 church schools and one mission school, with an enrolment of 2,374 pupils and faculty members and an average attendance of 2,088.

There were 33 professions of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; 182 dedications; and a mission offering of $500.37, most of which went to the Cooperative Program.

Liledoun and Lebanon churches both had adult classes, with an enrolment of 26. Antioch, Stony Point and East Taylorsville Churches had Standard Schools.

In view of the fact that we had a Vacation Bible School in every church in our Association for the first time we owe it to God, to ourselves and our children to attempt next year to have better Bible Schools. Now is the time to prepare for a great Vacation Bible School year in 1960.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. L. W. Davis

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

In this report we are considering Christian education in terms of our seven Baptist colleges in North Carolina. In its broader meaning, the term includes many other educational and training activities in our local churches.

Chronologically we recognize our seven colleges as follows:

Wake Forest College.....1834	Wingate College.....1896
Chowan College.....1848	Meredith College.....1899
Mars Hill College.....1856	Gardner-Webb College.....1907
Campbell College.....1887	

It should be noted that progress in our North Carolina Baptist pro-

gram of higher education has not been in the number of institutions, but in the changes made within the seven institutions which have been in operation for more than a half century. Fortunately, the geographical distribution of these colleges throughout our State makes one of them fairly close to all our Baptist young people. Time does not permit us to review the growth of each of these seven colleges, but we would remind you that as a group they now constitute a program of higher education second only to Texas among all the states in our Southern Baptist Convention territory. In these seven colleges are enrolled each year nearly 8,000 students, or more than one-eighth of all college students in North Carolina. The annual operating budgets total more than $10,000,000, of which our Baptist people, through church offerings, provide approximately five per cent. Students, through tuition and fees, pay approximately 60 per cent and the remaining 35 per cent comes from endowment and gifts. If it were possible for the colleges to apply the total of approximately $1,000,000 given through our churches to their operating costs, the present five per cent would become 10 per cent of the operating costs. It is hoped that this will be possible in the near future through some lon-range Convention plan for meeting the capital needs of all institutions and agencies, thereby leaving income from Cooperative Program and special offerings for current operating needs.

Perhaps the most significant development in the work of our colleges in this present year is the action of our Baptist people in adopting the report of the Convention Committee of 25 as it relates not only to the colleges but to all other Baptist institutions and agencies. We would urge all our people to read this report carefully as it relates to these colleges. It does not recommend the addition of any new college at present, but it emphasizes the necessity for our recognizing the increasing demands upon these colleges which can be met only through growth in all respects. The Committee recommends that consideration be given to the possibility of changing the status of some of the two-year colleges to four-year colleges, and already progress is being made in this respect.

These Baptist colleges will continue to be faced with the competition of all other colleges in both the quality of their work and the growing costs of operation and expansion. Our college young people must be convinced that academically they are as good as the best, and that these Baptist colleges also provide for them what present-day young people expect and demand in a college community. As Baptist church leaders and parents of these young people, we want our colleges to be Christian and to present a positive Christian witness at all times and in all respects; but we cannot stop here and expect to attract our young people. Such matters as costs, scholarships, athletics, etc., will be determining factors.

As Baptists, we must love our colleges to the point of understanding them and their importance in all departments of our work. If we love them and believe in them, we shall see that they are given sufficient money to become the kind of colleges that will attract our young people. We can't force young people to go unless they want to go. We must join hands with administration and faculty to make these colleges so attrac-

tive that they will be selected by our young people. As a denomination, our future will depend largely on the type of leadership we educate in our colleges.

For the third year our Christian education emphasis was observed on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21. The response this year has been most encouraging, both in the wide use of the various promotion materials prepared and in the offerings made on Father's Day. It is our hope that the observance of this annual emphasis will result in a better understanding of these colleges and their importance in our work, as well as added financial aid sufficient to meet the ever increasing costs of operating these colleges. Every possible effort must be made to keep the charges to students as low as possible. Many of our finest Baptist young people are among our lower income families and find it difficult to meet the costs of a college education.

With all the progress we have made in enlarging the facilities of these seven colleges, we are providing for only one of every four Baptist youths going to college; and it is doubtful that we shall be able to maintain this ratio with the coming tidal wave of college students, nearly one-half of whom will be our Baptist young people.

It is the earnest desire of our North Carolina Baptist Council on Christian Education that we be alert in all our Baptist churches to recognize and to direct promising young people into one of these Baptist colleges.

As pastors, parents and church leaders we should face these facts courageously and lead our people in meeting this great but not impossible challenge.

Respectfully submitted,
Hayden Cartner

REPORT ON CHURCH MUSIC

Music is the language of the soul through which we give expression to our love, joy, grief, hope and faith. Next to the Bible, the greatest source of comfort and strength is found in our wonderful hymns. The prophet Isaiah said "In that day shall this song be sung — Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee." Isaiah 26: 1-3.

The singing of a hymn should be a great experience for us. However, many of us do not take seriously enough the words we sing.

We sing "Sweet Hour of Prayer," and do not spend ten minutes a day in praying.

We sing "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings," but do not go to the church services if it is raining.

We sing "Serve The Lord With Gladness," and gripe all the time about all we have to do.

We sing "We're Marching To Zion," but fail to march to all the services of the church.

We sing "I Love To Tell The Story," and do not tell one person about Jesus all year.

We sing "Cast Thy Burdens On The Lord," and worry ourselves into a nervous breakdown without asking the Lord for help.

We sing "The Whole Wide World For Jesus," and never invite our next door neighbor to church or give to support our missions program.

We sing "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing," and then refuse to take time to sing in the choir.

Singing lifts us up, and if our singing be the right kind, it makes us feel a bit closer to our neighbors and to God. Baptist churches will be wise to constantly evaluate their musical programs to be sure they are accomplishing their true purpose, to worship and praise God.

Our annual Carol Sing was held on the Court House lawn on December 22, 1958. Hugh Welborn directed the singing, with Mrs. W. W. Harrington playing the piano. A quartette composed of Mrs. Jim Robinette, Mrs. W. B. Pittard, Mrs. M. H. Gilliam and Mrs. Owen Echerd sang some special carol arrangements.

The attendance at the Music School this spring was not good, but those who came enjoyed "The Beginning Music Reader," taught by F. A. Lane and the "Graded Choir Handbook," taught by Mrs. F. A. Lane.

Our last music event was the Hymn Sing at East Taylorsville Church on Sunday afternoon, August 16. The theme for the sing was "Service." Alex Hegenbart of West Hickory Church was director, and Miss Joan Miller played the organ. Special music was by the Bethlehem Junior Choir and a duet by Mrs. M. H. Gilliam and Hugh Welborn.

Your Associational Music Committee for the next year is:

Director.....Miss Lucy Echerd
Pastor Advisor.....M. H. Gilliam
Graded Choirs.....Mrs. I. V. Couch
Training.....Mrs. R. L. Dixon
Congregational Activities.....Hugh Welborn
Publicity and Promotion.....W. B. Pittard
Instrumental.....Mrs. John Mayberry

Respectfully submitted,
Miss Lucy Echerd

REPORT OF NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Our Baptist Hospital seeks to serve our people with a complete program of specialized medical care for all who need it. Our people go in great numbers, with all types of serious illness, from all walks of life, and in all financial circumstances, to receive the ministry of our Baptist medical center. A constant effort is made to keep it personal and Christian in its care of sick people.

Last year service patients from 95 counties of the State made over 66,000 visits to the 31 clinics of the Out-Patient Department, which is open to families not able to pay the full cost of their medical care. About the same number of office visits was made by private or full-pay patients. More than 16,000 sick persons were hospitalized for 132,000 days of bed care.

Forty per cent of the hospital service is rendered the patients who go to the Out-Patient Clinics or who enter the hospital through the Out-Patient Department. The services of the physicians are free to all these patients, but the hospital charges must be paid unless other arrangements are made by the family.

Last year the hospital spent well over one million dollars in the care of these service patients. The Mother's Day Fund, along with the welfare funds and assistance from other agencies and foundations, enables the hospital to provide more than half of this service free for our very poor people. The Mother's Day Fund alone, however, has not covered the full cost of the care of even the most needy.

Our aim is to see than none shall be denied necessary care. The total amount received to date through the Mother's Day Offering and churches giving more than once a year is $1,187.09. Last year our total offerings amounted to $1,545.02. It is our prayer that our churches will rally to the fulfilling of the needs of our sick people.

Respectfully submitted,
James W. Teague

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOMES FOR THE AGING

The ninth year of operation of the Baptist Homes for the Aging began March 16, 1959. All three of the Homes — Resthaven, Albemarle and Headquarters — have had a good year, and have been filled all the year to capacity. When vacancies occur, there are always more applications on the waiting list than rooms to be filled.

Plans are nearly complete for two additions, which will add sixty more bedrooms, making a total capacity of 170 residents. Plans include a home at Hamilton and the infirmary at headquarters.

This is good work and we must continue to support our Homes for the Aging. Sixteen of our 22 churches had a part in this work in the past year, according to our records. Our Homes are supported by a very small amount from the Cooperative Program, Special Day Offering taken on the third Sunday in February, what residents pay for their care, memorial gifts and etc.

May we urge our people to give freely on the third Sunday in February that our Homes for the Aging may grow and continue to serve our aging people.

Respectfully submitted,
W. O. Johnson

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN ACTION LEAGUE

Having been designated by the Program Committee to bring a report on the Christian Action League, I have been unable to obtain a report from the League, more than to say that Brother Hauss has resigned and the League Committee is in the process of filling the vacancy at the present time. We are hoping that in the days to come we may realize a repetition of the good we feel has been accomplished in their fight against the legalized sale of alcohol beverages, believing their endeavors

have contributed much toward the welfare of our society that is faced today with the greatest deluge of liquor propaganda that is reaching more homes and more of our youths than any other time in history.

A fairly recent survey showed that the traffic in alcoholic liquor was spending at the rate of 250 millions dollars a year in the most deceptive and glamorous advertising of liquor, wine and beer ever conceived in the minds of men. When we look at the fascinating appearance of the young people in magazine ads and on TV screens sipping their wine, beer and cocktails, I think of the Epsitle of the Romans where Paul said, "Now the holy anger of God is disclosed from heaven against the godlessness and evil of those men who render truth, dumb and inoperative, by their wickedness."

When we know that alcoholism is one of America's greatest social problems, why is the church so largely silent about social drinking, from which alcoholism proceeds? Where is the sense of moral anger which rebels and cries against sins which are a stench in the nostrils of a holy God? Why is alcoholism a disease instead of a sin? We believe the church must share in the responsibility for America's lowered moral standards. Too few have the courage to speak out against that unending pressure to throw off those morale restraints, which are a part of grievance Christian character.

We are faced with the potentials of 5,321 out of every 100,100 population becoming alcoholics in the next two years.

May God give us grace to fight and boycott even the thoughts of legalizing the sale of this product of the gutter, not only for the sake of our society, but for Jesus' sake, who loved us and gave Himself for us.

Respectfully submitted,
M. A. McCurdy

REPORT OF BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES OF NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina Baptists have shown remarkable interest in their Children's Homes during the past year. Numerous church groups have visited the three campuses. Continued financial support has been encouraging. Awakened interest in your Child Care program has been evidenced in many respects.

During the past year members of the Children's Homes staff, under the best leadership available, have engaged themselves in a conscientious study of the entire Child Care program sponsored by North Carolina Baptists. Findings have been gratifying. The program has a commendable history and is one of the best in the nation. Every effort is being made by the present administration to continue the best care possible for dependent children.

More than 1,000 boys and girls were served by the Children's Homes during the past year. Mills Home, Kennedy Home and Odum Home provided care for 547 children, while 197 lived in Foster Homes. Through financial assistance of the Mothers Aid program 40 children were able to live with their mothers. Supervision and financial help were afforded 30 college students. Resourceful case workers assisted 214 additional children to find homes with relatives and other social service agencies.

Three cottages are currently under construction — one at each of the three Homes. The Roy Culler family of High Point is providing funds for a boys cottage at Mills Home. The H. C. Ferebee family of Camden is making possible a cottage for girls at Kennedy Home. The new cottage at Pembroke will provide administrative offices, living accommodations, as well as kitchen and dining facilities for the Indian boys and girls.

Vernon S. Sparrow became Superintendent at Mills Home in Thomasville July 1, 1959. He comes to this post with an excellent background of training and experience. Prior to Mr. Sparrow's going to Mills Home he served as Associate Pastor and Minister of Education in the First Baptist Church of Lenoir.

Significant recommendations relative to the Children's Homes were adopted by the Baptist State Convention in May following a two and a half year study by the Committee of Twenty-Five. They are as follows:

1. That the number of children in foster home care be increased to approximately the number in institutional care.
2. That the Children's Homes begin to develop new types of programs to help children who are not being adequately cared for in other ways.
3. That increased attention be given to families throughout the State by well-trained, mature case work consultants to help avoid family breakdowns.

The Convention has voted to bring the Children's Homes into the Cooperative Program on the same basis as all other institutions and objects. Churches may continue to send Once-A-Month offerings and special gifts. Designated gifts from churches to the Children's Homes will be administered by the Convention in the same manner as designated gifts from churches to other institutions. The Homes are encouraged with this improved financial relationship with the Convention. For lack of sufficient income the Homes operated on a $22.000 deficit in 1958. The deficit for 1959 will be approximately $65.000. The only way the Homes have of meeting the $65.000 deficit this year is through a substantial increase in the Thanksgiving Offering.

With the increase in population, the development of industry, the growth of cities and the mounting tensions in present day society, there is an increasing demand for services to dependent children. Your Children's Homes are being asked by the Convention to expand their services. With your prayers, loyal and generous support, your leadership will continue to move forward as resources are made available.

Respectfully submitted,
H. I. Johnson

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

(a) WHEREAS the Beulah Baptist Church has so graciously entertained the Alexander Baptist Association on the first day of its seventy-second meeting,

BE IT RESOLVED that this Association express genuine gratitude to the pastor and to the church.

(b) WHEREAS the members of the Beulah Baptist Church have demonstrated marked faith and courage in erecting a beautiful new church building,

BE IT RESOLVED that we commend them heartily for their work.

(c) WHEREAS the Stony Point Baptist Church has so graciously entertained the Alexander Baptist Association on the second day of the seventy-second meeting,

BE IT RESOLVED that this Association express genuine gratitude to the pastor and to the church.

(d) WHEREAS the Program Committee has planned a very excellent program for the seventy-second annual meeting of the Alexander Baptist Association,

BE IT RESOLVED that we express deep appreciation to Bro. W. B. Pittard, Jr., Chairman, and his co-workers.

(e) WHEREAS worshipful music plays a vital part in any religious meeting,

BE IT RESOLVED that this Association express appreciation to Miss Lucy Echerd, instrumentalist, and to Mrs. I. V. Couch, director, and to the several others who aided our worship with special music.

(f) WHEREAS R. M. Grant has faithfully served as Moderator for the past year and has willingly and sacrificially given of his time and labor to lead the Association in its work,

BE IT RESOLVED that we express our heartfelt gratitude to Bro. Grant for his labor of love among us.

(g) WHEREAS our Clerk, Rev. W. O. Warren, has the arduous and unthankful task of receiving, compiling and printing information for the Associational record,

BE IT RESOLVED that this Association warmly express our appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,
Maurice H. Gilliam
Edith Harrington
Jeffie Daniels

HISTORY OF BEULAH BAPTIST CHURCH

Some time before 1916 the owners of Taylorsville Cotton Mill erected a building about 30 by 40 feet across the lake from the cotton mill for the use of the residents of the mill village as a place of worship.

Before the erection of the "Cotton Mill Church," U. P. Wilson and others had conducted a Sunday School in a dwelling on "the hill," and it is likely that that Sunday School and a revival service held by Loyd Teague and Frank Austin, students at Taylorsville Collegiate Institute in 1913, at which there were about 20 converts, was the beginning of the organization called Beulah Baptist Church.

The early minutes of this church, if kept, are not available, so I am making special effort to get from the Association Minutes as much information as I can.

The first report of this church to the Association held at Mount Olive October 7, 1915, says that B. F. Austin was pastor, U. P. Wilson, Sunday School Superintendent and Clerk; membership, 86.

The report for 1916 showed the same pastor and Sunday School superintendent, and a membership of 54.

In 1917 B. F. Austin was pastor; J. R. Vickers, Sunday School superintendent; and the membership 66.

In 1918 C. F. Friday was pastor; U. P. Wilson, Sunday School superintendent and clerk; and membership, 85.

In 1919 C. F. Friday was pastor, with a salary of $23.60; H. T. Campbell, Sunday School superintendent; U. P. Wilson, clerk; and the membership was 85.

In 1920 C. F. Friday was pastor; H. T. Campbell, Sunday School superintendent and U. P. Wilson, clerk; and a membership of 85.

For the years 1921, 1922 and 1923 there were no letters to the Association.

In 1924 T. F. Rogers of Albemarle was pastor; T. R. Barlow Sunday School superintendent and clerk; and the membership, 85.

B. F. Peeler was pastor in 1925; Ish Pennell, Sunday School superintendent; T. R. Barlow, clerk; and membership 91.

There was no letter to the Association in 1926.

J. S. Stephenson was pastor in 1927 and 1928; J. A. Webster, Sunday School superintendent; Clyde Payne, clerk; and membership, 80.

From 1929 through 1936 there were no letters to the Association.

From 1937 to 1941 John A. Webster was pastor. Ernest Webster, J. R. Vickers and Dewey Webster served as Sunday Schools superintendents, and S. E. Gant, G. S. Gant and Clyde Payne as clerks. Membership was 50.

Records in possession of the present clerk, Mrs. Sam Johnson, say that on October 10, 1937, Rev. J. L. Rufty, S. E. Gant and Ernest Webster were ordained deacons; June 1937 Rev. J. A. Webster was ordained pastor; May 1942 Rev. J. L. Rufty was ordained minister; May 31, 1942, Rev. Lemuel Ramsey called as pastor; the third Sunday in August 1942 James Lail was licensed to preach the gospel; third Sunday in May 1943 Rev. James Lail was called as pastor.

Letter to the Association in 1942 states: Lemuel Ramsey as pastor; James Lail, Sunday School superintendent; Ollie Steele, clerk; and a membership of 65.

From 1943 to 1945 James Lail was pastor; J. A. Webster and J. L. Rufty, Sunday Schools superintendents; and a membership of 53.

In 1946 W. C. Barkley of Troutman was pastor; Ernest James Sunday School superintendent; J. A. Webster, clerk; and membership was 85.

From 1947 to 1949 Wade Rogers was pastor; Ernest James, Sunday School superintendent; J. A. Webster, clerk; and membership, 88.

The 1950 Association Minutes show no pastor; Henry McDuffie, Sunday School superintendent; Mrs. Escar Bowman, clerk; and a membership of 56.

Again in the church minutes we find: Nay Brookshire and Ernest James Ordained as deacons March 9, 1947; Escar Bowman, Robert Settlemyre and Henry McDuffie ordained deacons March 27, 1949; Conrad Bumgarner, Raymond Harrington and Edward Pratt ordained deacons November 8, 1953.

The 1951 letter to the Association showed Wade Rogers as pastor; Hanry McDuffie, Sunday School superintendent; Mrs. Escar Bowman, clerk; and a membership of 62.

Oscar C. Tucker was pastor from 1952 to 1956; Sunday School superintendents were Henry McDuffie, Cleadus Perry and Raymond Harrington; Mrs. Robert Settlemyre, clerk; and membership of 93

In 1956 there was no pastor; Henry McDuffie, Sunday School superintendent and Clerk; membership of 95.

In 1957 Asa Kerly was pastor; Harold Keever, Sunday School superintendent; Mrs. Sue Johnson, clerk; and membership was 110.

The year 1958 was the same as 1957 except for an increase in membership to 121.

Some late minutes of Beulah Church show that on December 2, 1956, the church voted 100% to build a new church on Cherry Street on a lot donated by owners of Irene Cotton Mill; they called Rev. Asa Kerley as pastor January 6, 1957; on February 3, 1957, they selected a Building Committee composed of Henry McDuffie, Asa Kerley, Raymond Harrington, Robert Settlemyre, Harold Keever and Escar Bowman; and trustees were Henry McDuffie, Ernest James, Wilma Settlemyre, Mary Lee Jolly and Lacy Kerley.

Henry McDuffie was licensed to preach the gospel of Christ on July 16, 1957; January 19, 1958, Roland Scott, Harold Keever and Sam Johnson were ordained deacons; January 26, 1958, the church voted to borrow $10,000 to finish the church; June 7, 1959 Rev. Glenn Moree was called as pastor (he came August 1, 1959; September 6, 1959, Harold Keever, Sunday School superintendent; Mrs. Sue Johnson, clerk; a membership of 115; and a balance due on church note, $7,696.32.

Today, October 14, 1959, the Alexander Baptist Association is meeting in their new brick-veneered church erected by as brave and courageous a little band of Christians it has been my privilege to know. The evidence that these people have been praying for the Lord's work through these years is that two young preachers, James Lail and Henry McDuffie, have come out of this congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
Chas. E. Echerd, Historian

HISTORY OF STONY POINT BAPTIST CHURCH

The Alexander Baptist Association is being held at this church the fourth time since its organization on October 3, 1909. Other dates are 1914, 1945 and 1951. This church was organized by a presbytery consisting of Elders L. Parks Gwaltney, J. P. Gwaltney, D. W. Poole and W. Jeff Bumgarner. There were 23 charter members.

Rev. L. P. Gwaltney was chosen pastor and served to November

1918, when his health forced him to retire. Rev. E. V. Bumgarner followed him, serving until November 1932. Rev. C. C. Holland was next called. Under his leadership an educational building, consisting of eight rooms, was added, and the church began half-time services. Brother Holland resigned the latter part of 1939 to give First Baptist Church at Taylorsville full-time.

Rev. J. D. Whisnant served this church until declining health compelled him to retire from the active ministry in 1942 and take a year's rest.

Rev. H. L. Good began his ministry March 1, 1943, and served until August 1, 1958. Under Brother Good the church completely worked over the church, putting a new front, new windows, new pews, and added considerable Sunday School room to the rear of the church. The building was also brick-veneered and additional facilities were built on the church grounds, including a kitchen and a dining hall. It was named "Bumgarner Hall" in honor of Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, who had been their pastor for a period of 14 years.

From August 1, 1958, to January 1, 1959, Dr. W. K. McGee from the Baptist Hospital served as interim pastor. Rev. H. M. Cartner came as their pastor January 1, 1959.

Arthur W. White was the first clerk, followed by W. Y. Ball, W. C. Groce, W. M. Watts, Vance Stikeleather and Ann Faires, present clerk.

Under Brother Good the church bought and remodeled a parsonage which is worth at least $10,000. The present value of the church plant is thought to be approximately $110,000.00, and the church debt at this time is only about $3,000.00.

The church now has a membership, after revising the roll, of 487, and a Sunday School enrolment of approximately 500. A. D. Lindsey is superintendent of the Sunday School.

Full response is given to all denominational causes. Last year their total gifts were $23,458 00, and for the coming year their budget calls for 20% of gifts to the Cooperative Program.

In June 1956 Wayne Norton was ordained to the ministry. He is now in school at Southeastern Seminary. March 1959 Wayne Norton was licensed to preach and is now in school at Carson Newman College in Tennessee.

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IN MEMORIAM

The following members of our churches have died since our last Associational Meeting. May God bless their memory to our good:

ANTIOCH — Mrs. Ollie Church, Mollie Hollar, Mrs. Gaither Keller, Michael Johnson and Mary Teague.

BETHLEHEM — Mary Johnson.

BEULAH — Mrs. J. R. Vickers.

CALVARY — John Watts and Jerry Webster.

LEBANON — Mrs. T. C. Ferguson.

LINNEY'S GROVE — Virgil Linney.

MACEDONIA — Ada Little and Ada Poole.

MILLERSVILLE — Perry Jolly.

MT. HERMAN — Jay Milstead and Bertha Echerd.

MT. OLIVE — Herman Henderson.

PLEASANT HILL — Lucille Childers, Roby Davies and Timothy Daniels.

POPLAR SPRINGS — Nettie Murphy.

SMYRNA — Hayden Teague.

STONY POINT — Mrs. Foy Cowart.

EAST TAYLORSVILLE — L. G. Sweet, Lucille Connelly, Mrs. L. C. Boston and Mrs. J. C. Watts.

FIRST TAYLORSVILLE — Julius Campbell, Ella Watts, Flake Weber, Josephine Goble, Clyde Harrington, Beulah Lackey, J. L. Gilbert and Carrie Childers.

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Where Held	Preacher	Moderator	Clerk
1887	Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1888	Antioch	J. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1889	Bethel	J. B. Poole	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1890	Concord	D. W. Poole	L. P. Gwaltney	T. A. Hudson
1891	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1892	Taylorsville	W. J. Bumgarner	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1893	Bethlehem	J. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1894	Mt. Olive	J. M. Shaver	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1895	Pleasant Hill	C. Durham	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1896	Pilgrim	D. W. Poole	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1897	Sulphur Springs	J. A. White	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1898	Little River	L. P. Gwaltney	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1899	Linney's Grove	J. J. Reach	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1900	Lebanon	D. W. Poole	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1901	Three Forks	R. L. Davis	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1902	Taylor Springs	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1903	Poplar Springs	R. L. Davis	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1904	Macedonia	O. A. Keller	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1905	Antioch	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1906	Bethel	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1907	Bethlehem	R. Lee Davis	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1908	Concord	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1909	Damascus	J. M. Shaver	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1910	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1911	Lebanon	J. M. Shaver	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1912	Linney's Grove	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1913	Taylorsville	Lloyd Teague	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1914	Stony Point	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1915	Mt. Olive	D. W. Poole	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1916	Pilgrim	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1917	Mt. Herman	E. V. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1918			J. W. Watts	
1919	Sulphur Springs	B. F. Austin	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1920	Three Forks	T. H. Williams	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1921	Taylor Springs	T. E. Payne	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1922	Macedonia	L. E. Barnes	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1923	Bethany	J. W. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1924	Concord	J. S. Stephenson	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1925	Taylorsville	J. M. McAlpine	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1926	Antioch		J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1927	Mt. Olive	J. H. Boggs	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1928	Pleasant Grove	J. W. Rash	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1929	Mt. Hebron	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1930	White Plains	C. C. Holland	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1931	Pleasant Hill	J. L. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1932	Sulphur Springs	S. I. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1933	Macedonia	A. T. Howell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1934	Little River	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1935	Hiddenite	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1936	Fairview	F. A. Pennell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod

1937	East Taylorsville	Lee James	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1938	Three Forks	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1939	Linney's Grove	C. C. Holland	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1940	Bethlehem	T. L. Blalock	A. E. Watts	G. L. Chatham
1941	Pilgrim	J. C. Gwaltney	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1942	Antioch	E. C. Shoe	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1943	Damascus	E. V. Bumgarner	A. E. Watts	R. B. McLeod
1944	First Taylorsville	H. L. Good	E. C. Shoe	W. C. Grose
1945	Stony Point	Howard J. Ford	E. C. Shoe	Homer L. Good
1946	Damascus	E. C. Shoe	A. C. Payne	Homer L. Good
	Three Forks			
1947	East Taylorsville	A. E. Watts	A. C. Payne	Homer L. Good
	Taylor Springs			
1948	Poplar Springs	A. B. Bumgarner	H. L. Good	W. W. Harrington
	Bethel			
1949	Antioch	W. O. Johnson	E. V. Bumgarner	W. W. Harrington
	Hiddenite			
1950	Liledoun	J. A. Icenhour	A. B. Bumgarner	J. L. Wells
	Mt. Herman			
1951	Stony Point	J. L. Wells	H. L. Good	J. L. Wells
	East Taylorsville			
1952	First Taylorsville	J. R. Lail	H. L. Good	J. L. Wells
	Smyrna			
1953	Pleasant Hill	David C. Boaz	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Bethlehem			
1954	Pilgrim	Herman Johnson	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Little River			
1955	Linney's Grove	R. L. Dixon	J. R. Lail	Marcella Hines
	Hiddenite			
1956	Liledoun	H. L. Good	A. E. Watts	W. O. Warren
	Lebanon			
1957	Macedonia	W. O. Warren	A. E. Watts	W. O. Warren
	First Taylorsville			
1958	Antioch	Horace Moree	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	Mt. Herman			
1959	Beulah	I. V. Couch	R. M. Grant	W. O. Warren
	Stony Point			

Table A CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

Moderator: Maurice Grant, R-3, Taylorsville
Moderator: Maurice Ghant, R-3, Taylorsville

Churches	Location	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	Pastors and Addresses	Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss By Death, Transfer, Etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-Resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	Church Budget?	Every Mem. Canvs	State Paper?	Pastor's Annual Salary (had pastor) full year or not)
Antioch	R	1826	4	Robert Winecoff, R-2, Taylorsville	5		7	349	88	437	2	114	Yes	No	Yes	4,479
Bethlehem	R	1871	4	I. V. Couch, R-1, Taylorsville	17	6	8	295	21	316	2	105	Yes	No	No	5,200
Beulah	T	1916	4	Glenn Moree, Taylorsville	10	5	3	106	27	133	2	25	Yes	No	No	2,615
Calvary	T	1948	4	Henkle Little, Taylorsville	24	13	27	199	35	234	3	40	No	No	No	4,680
Damascus	R	1839	2	Irvin Wallace, Harmony	2	10				172	1		No	No	No	1,208
Hiddenite	V	1915	4	Maurice Gilliam, Hiddenite	1	7	6	144	41	185	1	50	Yes	No	Yes	3,850
Lebanon	R	1884	4	Paul McAlpin, R-3, Taylorsville	1	3	1	72	7	79	2	5	No	No	No	2,340
Liledoun	R	1906	4		3	7		344		344	1		No	No	No	3,950
Linney's Grove	R	1895	2		5		15			145	1		No	No	No	1,211
Little River	R	1792	3	Hunter Church, North Wilkesboro	3	2	3	176	12	188	1		Yes	No	No	1,200
Macedonia	R	1840	4	W. O. Warren, R-1, Taylorsville	8	4	2	244	42	286	1	50	No	No	No	4,160
Millersville	R		4	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville	2		1	65	40	105	1		No	No	No	1,207
Mt. Herman	R	1912	4	L. W. Teague (Interim), Granite Falls	7	4	8	199	53	252	2	8	Yes	No	No	3,900
Mt. Olive	R		2	Wade Miller, North Wilkesboro	3		7	122	40	152	2		No	No	No	1,276
Oxford Memorial	R	1942	4	Ralph Kerley, R-2, Taylorsville	5	5	5	122	30	152	2		Yes	No	No	1,300
Pilgrim	R	1836		W. O. Johnson, R-2, Taylorsville	3		5			251	2		No	No	No	1,084
Pleasant Hill	R	1852	4	J. H. Watts, R-3, Taylorsville	10	4	9	148	89	237	2		Yes	No	No	1,200
Poplar Springs	R	1872	4	W. O. Johnson, R-2, Taylorsville		2	1	211	20	231	2	25	No	No	No	2,326
Smyrna	R	1923	4	Horace Moree, R-1, Taylorsville	9	2	6	76	33	109	2		Yes	Yes	Yes	2,510
Stony Point*	T	1909	4	Hayden Cartner, Stony Point	5	7	16	392	95	487	1	150	Yes	No	Yes	5,980
East Taylorsville	T	1924	4	R. L. Dixon, Taylorsville	18	8	15	434	66	500	2	60	Yes	No	Yes	5,200
First Taylorsville	T	1851	4	W. B. Pittard, Jr., Taylorsville	20	18	20	405	112	517	2	100	Yes	No	Yes	5,900
				Totals	161	107	165	4103	851	5512	37	732				66,776

*Stony Point Church Membership Roll has been revised.

Table B THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Associational Superintendent:
I. V. Couch, R-1, Taylorsville

Churches	Sunday School Superintendents	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Young People, Away	Adults (25-34)	Adults (35 and up)	Extension Department	General Officers	Mission S.S. Enrolment	Grand Total S. S. Enrolment	Average Attendance	No. Training Schools	Church V.B.S. Enrolment	Total V.B.S. Enrolment	Jan. Bible Study?	Preparation Week?
Antioch	Blayne Hollar, R-2, T'ville..	10	50	26	35	59	47	18	16	.....	21	88	10	5	.....	385	252	1	194	194	Yes	Yes
Bethlehem	Maynard Hefner, R-1, T'ville	8	36	15	24	42	38	17	20	.....	37	54	6	4	.....	301	191	2	106	106	Yes	Yes
Beulah	Harold Keever, Taylorsville..	.....	.....	28	18	25	27	.....	28	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	.....	149	100	.....	86	86	No	No
Calvary	Darrell Fox, Taylorsville.....	.....	.....	15	12	25	20	15	29	12	11	41	.....	.....	.....	180	174	.....	122	122	No	No
Damascus	Dwight Johnson, R-2, H'nite	.....	8	6	9	9	7	2	3	.....	42	.....	.....	3	.....	100	66	.....	48	48	No	No
Hiddenite	R. M. Grant, R-2, T'ville.....	.....	12	8	8	17	18	11	.....	.....	14	57	8	5	.....	158	116	.....	120	120	Yes	Yes
Lebanon	C. D. Poole, R-4, T'ville.....	.....	.....	10	6	10	11	6	.....	.....	.....	20	.....	5	.....	68	60	.....	68	68	No	No
Liledoun	Bill Dyson, R-2, Taylorsville	.....	15	33	29	41	58	8	25	2	49	63	.....	6	.....	309	226	.....	108	108	No	No
Linney's Grove	Luke McCurdy, R-1, H'nite..	.....	.....	18	17	14	15	23	20	3	.....	43	.....	12	.....	165	79	.....	.....	.....	No	No
Little River	Roy Barnes, Taylorsville.....	7	.....	15	12	20	.....	16	.....	.....	20	20	.....	.....	.....	120	102	1	76	76	No	No
Macedonia	Kermit Patterson, R-1, S. Pt.	.....	5	9	20	22	13	10	12	.....	45	24	.....	.....	.....	160	122	.....	95	95	Yes	No
Millersville	G. S. Hampton, R-1, T'ville..	.....	.....	6	18	10	16	12	.....	.....	.....	23	.....	.....	.....	85	60	.....	78	78	No	No
Mt. Herman	Kenneth Kerley, R-4, T'ville	.....	15	8	15	38	20	7	3	.....	35	56	.....	2	.....	199	142	.....	101	101	No	No
Mt. Olive	T. C. Rogers, R-3, T'ville.....	.....	.....	9	11	6	8	21	21	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	101	68	.....	42	42	Yes	No
Oxford Memorial	M. Brookshire, R-2, Lenoir..	.....	.....	13	12	23	23	12	26	.....	26	.....	.....	3	.....	138	85	4	73	73	No	No
Pilgrim	Paul Mayberry, Union Grove	9	.....	7	14	11	25	27	.....	.....	43	35	.....	.....	.....	161	116	.....	85	85	No	No
Pleasant Hill	Tommy Daniels, R-3, T'ville	.....	.....	14	25	34	15	9	.....	.....	63	.....	.....	3	.....	163	101	.....	106	106	No	No
Poplar Springs	James Chapman, T'ville.....	.....	.....	25	20	30	20	.....	.....	.....	25	30	.....	.....	.....	150	117	.....	69	69	No	No
Smyrna	Elbert Bostian, R-1, T'ville....	11	12	15	11	22	8	9	23	.....	.....	23	.....	3	.....	137	97	.....	83	83	No	No
Stony Point*	A. D. Lindsey, R-1, St. Point	.....	29	24	22	53	44	.....	55	10	.....	214	19	14	.....	484	249	2	131	131	No	Yes
East Taylorsville	Edd Elliott, Taylorsville.....	18	17	31	28	63	45	22	19	.....	31	96	43	5	14	432	220	2	128	128	Yes	Yes
First Taylorsville	Clay Elledge, Taylorsville.....	.....	32	30	28	48	56	29	.....	.....	52	118	37	7	.....	437	255	2	152	152		No
	Totals	63	231	365	394	622	534	274	300	27	514	1053	123	77	14	4582	2998	14	2071	2071		

Table C TRAINING UNION

Associational Director: Mrs. Earl Teague, R-2, Taylorsville

Churches	Training Union Directors and Addresses	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Adults (25-34)	Adults (35 and up)	General Officers	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance	Number Training Schools	Youth Week?
Antioch	Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, R-2, Taylorsville	13	12	14	40	37	17	10	20	24	3	190	132	2	Yes
Bethlehem	Clyde Carrigan, R-1, Taylorsville	22	8	12	25	17	14	.....	22	18	3	141	98	2	Yes
Hiddenite	Marcella Hines, Hiddenite	.....	.....	1	17	22	13	.....	.....	15	2	70	53	.....	Yes
Macedonia	Leona Mecimore, R-1, Taylorsville	.....	7	10	10	8	.....	.....	18	12	.....	65	58	.....	No
Mt. Herman	Joe Price, R-2, Taylorsville	.....	6	7	32	14	8	.....	8	12	3	90	77	.....	No
Oxford Memorial	Mrs. Ralph Kerley, R-2, Taylorsville	.....	8	10	20	12	8	.....	17	.....	3	.....	46	.....	Yes
Smyrna	Estell Echerd, R-1, Taylorsville	12	6	6	15	.....	9	.....	16	.....	3	67	49	1	No
Stony Point	Mrs. Ben Deal, Stony Point	5	.....	4	21	31	10	.....	23	16	4	114	72	1	Yes
East Taylorsville	Conley Pennell, R-2, Taylorsville	6	3	12	23	20	17	.....	11	38	5	135	66	2	Yes
First Taylorsville	Judy Freeman, Taylorsville	.....	2	2	21	29	7	.....	.....	14	3	78	46	1	No
	Totals	58	52	78	224	190	103	10	135	149	29	950	697	9	

Table E BROTHERHOOD WORK

Associational Brotherhood President: A. D. Lindsey, R-1, Stony Point

Churches	Presidents of Men's Brotherhoods	Chairmen of R.A. Committees	No. Junior R.A. Chapters	Junior R.A. Enrolment	No. Intermediate R.A. Chapters	Intermediate R.A. Enrolment	Total R.A. Enrolment	Men's Brotherhood Enrolment	Total Men	Grand Total Enrolment
Antioch	Dewey Austin, Hickory	Earl Teague, R-2, Taylorsville	1	18	1	6	24	27	27	51
Bethlehem	Fred Sigmon, R-5, Hickory	Arnold Pennell, R-1, Taylorsville	1	5	1	1	6	23	23	29
Hiddenite			1	20						20
Lebanon	James Watts, R-4, Taylorsville							6	6	6
Liledoun	Clinard Stafford, R-2, Taylorsville	Roland Chapman, R-2, Taylorsville	1	25			25	24	24	49
Little River	Joe McDuffie, R-4, Taylorsville							18	18	18
Mt. Herman	Clarence Keller, R-2, Taylorsville	Foy Payne, R-2, Taylorsville	1	12			12	12	12	24
Pilgrim	Glenn Beard, R-2, Hiddenite	Charles Eagle, R-2, Hiddenite			1	20	20	16	16	36
Smyrna	Glenn Lail, R-1, Taylorsville							14	14	14
Stony Point	B. O. Hefner, Stony Point	Arthur Hammer, Stony Point	2	32	1	15	47	36	36	83
East Taylorsville	Edd Elliott, Taylorsville		1	20	1	11	31	36	36	67
First Taylorsville	Gerald Hall, Taylorsville	W. W. Harrington, Taylorsville	1	14	1	12	26	40	40	66
		Totals	9	146	6	65	191	252	252	463

Table F WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Associational President: Mrs. R. L. Dixon, Taylorsville

Churches	Presidents of W.M.S. and Addresses	Sunbeam Units	G.A. Units	Y.W.A. Units	W.M.S. Units	Total Units	Sunbeam Enrolled	G.A. Enrolled	Y.W.A. Enrolled	W.M.S. Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers All Total Enrolled
Antioch	Ethel Mae Hollar, R-2, Taylorsville	2	2	1	2	7	20	32	9	40	101	27
Bethlehem	Mrs. Maynard Hefner, R-1, Taylorsville	2	2	1	3	8	11	15	6	22	54	30
Beulah	Bernice Moree, Taylorsville	1	1	.....	1	3	9	9	.....	12	30	.....
Hiddenite	Mrs. Mack Kerley, Stony Point	1	1	1	3	6	13	15	14	40	82	15
Lebanon	Mrs. C. D. Poole, R-4, Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	14	3
Liledoun	Mrs. Grayden Dyson, R-2, Taylorsville	1	2	.....	1	4	10	27	.....	25	62	8
Little River	Pauline Orain, R-4, Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	19	19	.....
Macedonia	Lorene Icenhour, R-3, Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	3	3	.....	.....	.....	33	33	16
Mt. Herman	Mrs. P. E. Johnson, R-2, Taylorsville	1	1	.....	1	3	8	10	.....	8	26	3
Mt. Olive	Mrs. Kermit Hayes, R-4, Taylorsville	1	1	1	1	4	9	7	6	12	34	.....
Smyrna	Mrs. Roy Stafford, R-1, Taylorsville	1	1	.....	1	3	10	7	.....	16	33	33
Stony Point	Mrs. Tom Norton, R-1, Stony Point	2	2	1	3	8	15	34	11	44	104	70
East Taylorsville	Mrs. L. W. Davis, R-3, Taylorsville	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	16	.....	49	85	34
First Taylorsville	Mrs. R. E. Current, Taylorsville	2	2	1	6	11	32	19	5	109	165	38
	Totals	14	15	6	26	61	157	191	51	443	842	277

Table H TOTAL RECEIPTS AND LOCAL EXPENDITURES

Associational Treasurer: James Farthing, Taylorsville

Churches	Treasurers and Addresses	Total Receipts For All Purposes	Grand Total Expenditures For All Purposes	Pastor's Salary	Other Church Staff Salaries	Other Local Expenses	Grand Total Local Expenses
Antioch	Clarence Benfield, R-1, Granite Falls	16,731	17,038	4,479	610	8,304	13,442
Bethlehem	Leo Bowman, Hickory	25,000	24,780	5,200	1,130	15,094	21,625
Beulah	Unie Gant, Taylorsville	9,325	7,107	3,380	156	110	3,490
Calvary	Dwight Warren, R-2, Taylorsville	11,529	8,046	4,680	360	2,560	7,599
Damascus	Mrs. Ralph Wilson, R-2, Statesville	2,854	2,419	1,208	130	303	1,642
Hiddenite	Gerald Goble, R-2, Hiddenite	9,778	9,710	3,850	1,042	2,476	7,368
Lebanon	Peggy Fortner, R-4, Taylorsville	.....	4,431	2,110	25	411	.....
Liledoun	Bobby Simmons, R-2, Taylorsville	15,669	12,499	3,950	420	676	5,046
Linney's Grove	Sanford Hayes, R-1, Hiddenite	.....	2,493	1,211	55	84	2,334
Little River	Mrs. Guy Rogers, R-2, Taylorsville	7,477	12,965	1,200	288	583	2,145
Macedonia	Conrad Fox, R-1, Taylorsville	15,450	29,450	4,160	.....	11,290	13,050
Millersville	Mrs. G. S. Hampton, R-1, Taylorsville	3,249	3,301	1,207	68	1,905	3,180
Mt. Herman	Wayne McBride, R-4, Taylorsville	10,363	9,877	3,825	725	3,666	8,287
Mt. Olive	Mrs. Dewey Davis, R-4, Taylorsville	3,945	3,929	1,276	159	1,946	3,382
Oxford Memorial	Pender Caldwell, R-2, Taylorsville	.....	4,323	1,284	477	1,689	3,735
Pilgrim	Commer Bowles, Hiddenite	2,723	2,529	1,084	277	.....	1,628
Pleasant Hill	Wade Childers, Taylorsville	4,333	3,664	1,248	235	1,812	3,372
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roy Rogers, R-4, Taylorsville	6,175	4,453	2,326	332	684	4,054
Smyrna	Billy Killian, R-1, Taylorsville	8,461	7,788	2,510	377	2,528	7,057
Stony Point	Howard Norton, R-1, Stony Point	23,457	24,482	5,980	4,261	7,125	17,350
East Taylorsville	Glenn Davis, R-1, Taylorsville	45,445	43,725	5,200	905	34,503	40,968
First Taylorsville	B. L. Mauney, Taylorsville	30,813	31,036	5,900	2,766	16,025	24,692
	Totals	252,777	270,045	63,056	14,798	113,774	195,446

Table I MISSION EXPENDITURES

Associational Missionary: A. E. Watts, Taylorsville

Churches	Clerks of Churches and Addresses	Cooperative Program	Designated Association	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Designated Children's Homes	Designated Hospitals	Other Objects	Total Mission Expenditures
Antioch	Warren Keller, R-1, Taylorsville	1,988	415	63		780	33	138	87	57	3,646
Bethlehem	Claude Bowman, R-2, Hickory	1,770	300	80	86	406		228	111	181	3,162
Beulah	Mrs. Sam Johnson, R-2, Taylorsville	104	52	9					9	8	182
Calvary	Dwight Warren, R-2, Taylorsville	16	100			141		93	50	46	446
Damascus	Mrs. Ralph Wilson, R-2, Statesville				83	414	279				777
Hiddenite	W. O. Goble, R-2, Hiddenite	1,369	200	114	51	256	6	200	115	31	2,343
Lebanon	Mrs. James Watts, R-4, Taylorsville	29	65			497		65	31	52	739
Liledoun	Roland Kerley, R-2, Taylorsville	32	100		62	236		280	278	50	905
Linney's Grove	Mrs. E. F. Millsaps, R-1, Hiddenite					159					159
Little River	Edwin Teague, R-4, Taylorsville	459		48	5	41					550
Macedonia	Yvonne Patterson, R-1, Stony Point	25	100		30	130	40	100	60	915	1,400
Millersville	G. S. Hampton, R-1, Taylorsville	18	51		12			19		22	121
Mt. Herman	Henry Gilliland, R-2, Taylorsville	989	195	44	76	110		84	50	42	1,589
Mt. Olive	Sam Wike, R-4, Taylorsville	65			60	110		213	49	50	547
Oxford Memorial	Mrs. Inez Haney, R-2, Lenoir	270	78			82	5	97	26	30	588
Pilgrim	Richard Bustle, Moravian Falls	13			57	108		69	46	257	549
Pleasant Hill	Edith Harrington, R-3, Taylorsville	17		75		75		50	50	25	292
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roy Rogers, R-4, Taylorsville	16	65					238	50	30	399
Smyrna	Waitsel Cline, R-1, Taylorsville	309	104	60	29	50	20	96	29	35	732
Stony Point	Ann Faires, Stony Point	3,563	620	114	287	445	10	539	517	166	6,261
East Taylorsville	Mrs. Clayton Cline, Taylorsville	2,008	360	48	100	456		56	67	22	3,116
First Taylorsville	C. E. Echerd, Taylorsville	3,600	625	241	215	1,019	90	244	188	122	6,344
	Totals	16,660	3,430	896	1,153	5,515	483	2,809	1,813	2,141	34,847

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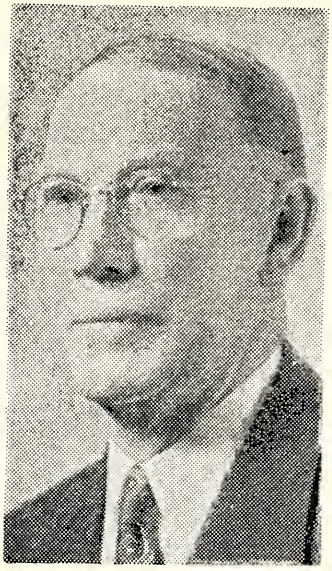

CHARLES E. ECHERD

Charles E. Echerd was born May 25, 1882 in Alexander County, the son of John B. Echerd and Lula B. Echerd. He married Miss Flora Lee Gwaltney, April 25, 1913, who with three daughters, Mrs. Eugenia E. Perkins, Mrs. Mary Connelly Ward, Miss Lucy Echerd; and one son, John Charles Echerd, survive.

He was a business man, having been the chief executive officer of the Taylorsville Savings and Loan Association for the last thirty years. He was respected and honored by all his business associates, for his ability and integrity.

Few laymen gave so unreservedly of his time to his Baptist faith, the Alexander Baptist Association, and the First Baptist Church of Taylorsville. At the time of his passing he was Church Clerk, a member of the Long Range Planning Committee, Vice President of the Brotherhood, and a member of the Choir. He had served his church as Deacon, Sunday School Teacher, and in almost every position of responsibility. Too, he was the Historian of the Alexander Baptist Association, and had been for many years. Without doubt, he knew more about the history of Alexander County Baptists than any other individual.

He can best be described by the word loyal. His loyalty to his Church, his Lord, the Baptist faith, the Alexander Baptist Association, and to the high and lofty principles which make life worthwhile, useful, and helpful, cannot be over-estimated.

Charles E. Echerd took his victorious leave, February 29, 1960, at the Alexander County Hospital. The burial took place in the Taylorsville Cemetery.

With deep gratitude in our hearts, we are happy, to dedicate the Minutes of the Seventy-Third Annual Session of the Alexander Baptist Association to the memory of Charles E. Echerd.

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CONSTITUTION
ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PREAMBLE: We, the messengers of Missionary Baptist Churches in the County of Alexander, State of North Carolina, do hereby propose to establish and maintain the order and rules of a district Baptist Association in conformity to the following plan:

NAME

ARTICLE: The name of the body shall be the Alexander Baptist Association.

MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE 2: The Association shall be composed of the Missionary Baptist Churches of Alexander County which are now members, and any other Missionary Baptist Church which has been, or which may hereafter be admitted.

ARTICLE 3: Churches desiring membership in the Association shall apply to the Missions Committee, and if recommended by this committee and accepted by the Association, shall agree to come under the watchcare of the Association for a period of one year. At the end of one year, upon recommendation of the Missions Committee, membership within the Association of such churches shall be confirmed by vote of the Association. During this period such churches shall be entitled to all rights and privileges of the Association except holding office and voting.

ARTICLE 4: Each church shall annually elect three Messengers to the appointed meeting of the Association. Such messengers shall be duly certified in the annual church letter to the Association. Each pastor of a member church, the general officers of the Association, and the chairmen of all standing committees, shall also be messengers—this in addition to the three duly elected messengers from each church.

ARTICLE 5: The Association may dissolve connection with any church that becomes heterodox in doctrine and disorderly in practice. Likewise, any church may sever its relation to the Association at its pleasure.

PURPOSE

ARTICLE 6: The purpose of this Association shall be to counsel together for the enlargement and strengthening of God's Kingdom and for the promoting of unity and growth among the churches composing the Association. To this end the Association will cooperate with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention and their agencies in the work of Missions, Christian Education, and Social Service.

MEETINGS

ARTICLE 7: The Association shall meet annually on Wednesday after the second Sunday of October and continue for two day sessions or longer, as seems wise to the Committee On Order of Business—subject to the approval of the Association in session. The place of meeting shall be determined at the previous session.

OFFICERS

ARTICLE 8: The officers of the Alexander Association shall be the Associational Missionary—when there is one, Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and Historian. These officers, except the Associational Missionary, shall be elected annually by the Association at its annual meeting and shall hold office until their successors are elected. The Associational Missionary shall be called for an indefinite term of service, and may be called by the Association in annual session, or if necessary, by the Associational Executive Committee in a regular meeting. Vacancies occurring in any office between sessions of the Association may be filled by the Executive Committee.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

ARTICLE 9: It shall be the duty of the Associational Missionary to promote the whole missionary, educational, and social service program of the Association. He may serve as adviser to the officers, churches, committees, and departments of work of the Association. He shall work under the direction of and be subject to the authority of the Associational Missions Committee. He shall exercise administrative supervision of all work assigned him by the Association, the Associational Executive Committee, or the Associational Missions Committee.

ARTICLE 10: It shall be the duty of the Moderator to open the meetings of the body punctually at the appointed time, and exercise all the prerogatives of a presiding officer according to the principles of established parliamentary usage. He shall announce at the opening session the appointment of committees. Also, he shall serve as the presiding officer of the Executive Committee of the Association.

ARTICLE 11: It shall be the duty of the Vice-Moderator to discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence, and perform any other function delegated to him by the Moderator, the Association, or the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 12: It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep accurate and detailed records of the proceedings of the Association and superintend the printing and distributing of the same. He shall also keep three distinct files of the printed minutes, and have them bound at the order of the Association. The Clerk shall serve as Chairman of the Committee On Digest of Church Letters. He shall also keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the

Associational Executive Committee and serve as its official correspondent.

ARTICLE 13: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds connected with the work of the Association as directed by it and make a quarterly statement of the same.

ARTICLE 14: It shall be the duty of the Historian to prepare for publication in the minutes a historical sketch of the session, and of the church with which it is held, and to record other facts of present and past history.

ORGANIZATION AND FINANCE

ARTICLE 15: An associational program of teaching, training, missions, stewardship, evangelism, and vocational guidance shall be promoted through the following departments of work: Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, and Music. These departments of work shall have officers corresponding to those utilized in the local church and in the convention program of work.

ARTICLE 16: The expenses of the Association shall be defrayed by voluntary contributions from the churches, which contributions shall be sent regularly to the Associational Treasurer for that purpose.

COMMITTEES AND THEIR DUTIES

ARTICLE 17: To facilitate the transaction of the business of the Association and to undergird and implement the work of the various departments, the Moderator shall at the beginning of the annual session appoint committees of three members each on: Nominations; Order of Business; Time, Place, and Preacher; Digest of Church Letters; Resolutions. Committees on Missions, Evangelism, Finance, Music Education, Associational Calendar, and any other committee needed, shall be recommended by the Committee On Nominations. All committees except the Associational Calendar Committee shall have three members unless stated otherwise by the Association.

SECTION A: Committees to facilitate the transaction of the business of the Association:

1. TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER: It shall be the duty of this committee to select the place of the next annual meeting, fix the time, and name the preacher and alternate to preach the annual sermon. The committee shall serve until its successor is appointed at the next annual session. In case of absolute necessity, the committee shall have the power to make substitutions for the time, place, and preacher. Such changes, where necessary and when possible to do so, shall be discussed with the Associational Executive Committee.

2. RESOLUTIONS: It shall be the duty of this committee to draw up and present to the Association suitable resolutions of appreciation and expressions of sentiment on any matter chosen by the committee or referred to it by the Association. This committee shall serve during the annual session only.
3. DIGEST OF CHURCH LETTERS: It shall be the duty of this committee to gather and tabulate the contents of the letters from the churches to the Association.
4. ORDER OF BUSINESS: It shall be the duty of this committee to report a suggested order of business early in the opening session of the annual meeting of the Association. When adopted, its report shall become the order of the Association and cannot be changed except by vote of the majority of the body.
5. NOMINATIONS: It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate all officers of the Association except the Associational Missionary. Those to be nominated shall include all of the general officers of the Association; all general officers of Training Union, Sunday School, Brotherhood, Music Department, and Woman's Missionary Union; chairmen and members of all committees not appointed by the Moderator; and members to be recommended to membership on the General Board of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. Unless the Association shall direct otherwise, the chief officers of each of these organizations shall be elected by the respective organization and then shall be submitted to the Association for approval via the Committee On Nominations.

SECTION B. Committees to expedite and undergird the total program of work in the Association:

1. MISSIONS: It shall be the duty of this committee to have general oversight of the work of the Associational Missionary; plan for, promote, and give guidance to the organization of new churches when and where practical; provide information and make recommendations to the Association relative to missionary needs which might be met by cooperative effort; consult with and make recommendation to the Association concerning churches seeking membership in the Association. In event of a vacancy in the office of Associational Missionary, this committee will make recommendations to the Executive Committee as to a replacement.
2. EVANGELISM: It shall be the duty of this committee to devise ways and means of promoting evangelism in the churches of the Association.
3. FINANCE: It shall be the duty of this committee

to plan and present to the Association a budget for the coming year. This committee shall also be responsible for promoting in the churches of the Association financial support for the Associational work.

4. MUSIC EDUCATION: It shall be the duty of this committee to promote music in and through the churches, and to work with the committee on order of business in planning music for the annual meeting of the Association.
5. ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR: It shall be the duty of this committee to coordinate the activities of the Associational organizations and plan an associational calendar of activities. This committee shall be composed of the Associational Missionary, the Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director, W. M. U. President, Brotherhood President, Music Education Chairman, and Director of the Central Training School.

SECTION C. Any vacancy occurring on any of these committees shall be filled by the Committee on Nominations.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 17: The Executive Committee of the Association shall consist of all general officers of the Association listed in Article 10, the Sunday School Superintendent, Director of Training Union, W. M .U. President, Brotherhood President, Chairman of Music Education, Chairmen of all standing committees, the pastor of each church composing the Association, and one member from each church in the Association, which member shall be elected by the church he represents.

ARTICLE 18: This committee shall meet quarterly and shall be presided over by the moderator of the Association. The purpose of meeting shall always be to promote the interests of and carry forward the work of the Association and its member churches.

ARTICLE 19: In case of emergency, the Executive Committee may select a time and place and arrange for a special business session of the Association. Such a session shall be limited to the object for which it was convened. Membership of such a special business session shall be made up of messengers elected and accredited to the previous regular session.

RULES OF ORDER

1. A majority of the enrolled members at each session of the body shall be a quorum for the transaction of business.
2. Every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present.
3. All questions of order not herein provided for shall be decided by general parliamentary laws according to Kerfoot.
4. The term of the office of the moderator shall be limited to two years.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Moderator	James W. Teague, R-2, Taylorsville
Vice-Moderator	Horace Moree, R-1, Taylorsville
Clerk	W. O. Warren, R-1, Taylorsville
Treasurer	James Farthing, Taylorsville
Historian	Lucy Echerd, Taylorsville
Missionary	A. E. Watts, Taylorsville
Sunday School Superintendent	R. M. Grant, R-3, Taylorsville
Training Union Director	Mrs. Earl Teague, R-2, Taylorsville
W.M.U. President	Ruth Foy, Stony Point
Brotherhood President	A. D. Lindsay, Stony Point
Music Director	Lucy Echerd, Taylorsville
Evangelism	R. L. Dixon, Taylorsville
Children's Homes	D. R. Kerley, R-2, Taylorsville
Baptist Hospital	James Lockee, R-2, Taylorsville
Homes for Aging	Glenn Moree, Taylorsville

Missions Committee

I. V. Couch R. H. Yarborough J. A. Icenhour

Nominating Committee

Paul McAlpin Kenneth Kerley Mrs. M. L. Kerley

Time, Place and Preacher Committee

Horace Moree Homer Daniels Yvonne Patterson

Resolutions Committee

Glenn Moree G. S. Hampton Mrs. Ralph Kerley

Digest of Church Letters

W. O. Warren Jeanette Johnson Mrs. Dewey Davis

Finance Committee

R. L. Dixon Raford Rogers Joe McDuffie

Program Committee

James Teague H. M. Cartner Mrs. Earl Teague

PROGRAM

Seventy-Third Annual Session

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

October 12-13, 1960

Poplar Springs and East Taylorsville Baptist Churches

Maurice R. Grant ..... Moderator
Miss Lucy Echerd ..... Pianist
Mrs. Ruth Foy ..... Chorister

THEME: Our Baptist Heritage

Wednesday Morning Session

(Poplar Springs Baptist Church)

9:45 Worship
Hymn: "Glory to His Name" ..... No. 144
Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. D. R. Kerley

9:55 Organization of the Association
Welcome by Host Pastor ..... Rev. Otto Johnson
Adoption of Order of Business
Roll Call of Churches
Recognition of Visitors
Recognition of New Pastors
Appointment of Committees
Announcements

10:15 Our Baptist Heritage: The Need for Remembering
Hymn: "My Jesus, I Love Thee" ..... No. 297
Scripture ..... Rev. Glenn Moree
Silent Prayer
Annual Sermon ..... Rev. H. M. Cartner

10:55 Recognition of Guests and Announcements

11:05 Our Baptist Heritage: The Importance of the Individual
Baptist Hospital Report ..... Mr. James Teague
Homes for the Aged Report ..... Rev. W. B. Pittard, Jr.
Children's Homes Report ..... Rev. D. R. Kerley
The American Bible Society Report ..... Rev. Glenn Moree
Hymn: "I Need Thee Every Hour" ..... No. 121
Message ..... Rev. William Poole

12:15 Adjourn for Lunch: Prayer of Thanks by Rev. Otto Johnson

Wednesday Afternoon Session

1:15 Worship
Hymn: "O How I Love Jesus" ..... No. 131
Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. Mack McCurdy

1:25 Miscellaneous Business

1:35 Our Baptist Heritage:
Direct Access to God and Regenerate Church Membership
Evangelism Report ..... Rev. Paul McAlpin
Home Missions Report ..... Rev. James Lockee
Foreign Missions Report ..... Rev. Hunter Church
Hymn: "Higher Ground" ..... No. 1
Message ..... Dr. Julian Hopkins

2:40 Our Baptist Heritage: The Right of Private Judgment
Christian Life Commission Report ..... Mrs. I. V. Couch
Christian Education Report ..... Rev. R. Love Dixon
Message ..... Mr. Claude F. Gaddy

3:30 Announcements and Adjournment

Thursday Morning Session

(East Taylorsville Baptist Church)

9:45 Worship
Hymn: "Faith of Our Fathers" ..... No. 201
Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. Henkle Little

9:55 Welcome by Host Pastor and Announcements

10:05 Our Baptist Heritage: The Priesthood of All Believers
W.M.U. Report ..... Mrs. R. Love Dixon
Brotherhood Report ..... Mr. A. D. Lindsay
Sunday School Report ..... Rev. I. V. Couch
Vacation Bible School Report ..... Mrs. L. W. Davis
Training Union Report ..... Mrs. Earl Teague
Hymn: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" ..... No. 191
Message ..... Rev. Fritz Hemphill

11:15 Our Baptist Heritage: Each Church A Free Democracy
Associational Clerk's Report ..... Rev. Otho Warren
Associational Missions Report ..... Rev. H. M. Cartner, Rev. I. V. Couch
State Missions Report ..... Rev. Horace Moree
Hymn: "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" ..... No. 153
Period of Open Discussion and Debate
Led by Rev. O. J. Hagler

12:20 Adjourn for Lunch

Thursday Afternoon Session

1:20 Our Baptist Heritage: Simplicity of Worship
Scripture and Prayer ..... Rev. Wade Rogers
Hymn: "Jesus Paid It All" ..... No. 258
Music Report ..... Miss Lucy Echerd
Worship Report ..... Rev. A. E. Watts
Favorite Hymns

1:45 Recognition of Guests and Announcements

1:55 Our Baptist Heritage:
Cooperative Planning for Kingdom Work

Business Session
Report of Committees
Election of Officers
Adoption of Budget
Revision of Constitution
Period of Prayer for Associational Work

2:45 Our Baptist Heritage: Religious Liberty
Committee on Public Affairs Report.....Mr. Edd Elliott
Christian Literature Report.....Rev. Ralph Yarborough
Message.....Mr. John Roberts
Hymn: "Blest Be The Tie".....No. 239

3:35 Adjourn

LIST OF MESSENGERS

ANTIOCH — Rondon Meadlock, Mrs. Earl Teague and Mrs. Ray Benfield.
BETHLEHEM — T. B. Wagner, Mrs. Ola Lewis and Mrs. Will Hall.
BEULAH — Mrs. Roland Scott, Mrs. Robert Settlemyer and Mrs. Glenn Moree.
CALVARY — Dorothy Hammer, Cora Barnes and Pearl Steele.
DAMASCUS — Foy Johnson, Grady Pharr and Willie Johnson.
HIDDENITE — H. D. Fincannon, D. L. Kerley and Maxine Bradshaw.
LEBANON — Mrs. Lessie Chapman, Mrs. Ralph Watts and Mrs. James Watts.
LILEDOUN — Mrs. W. P. Johnson, Mrs. Graydon Dyson and Mrs. Bobby Simmons.
LINNEY'S GROVE — Luke McCurdy, Norman Tedder and Sanford Hayes.
LITTLE RIVER — Edwin Teague, Guy Rogers and Joe McDuffie.
MACEDONIA — Lois Icenhour, Fannie Ingram and Loyd Stafford.
MILLERSVILLE — G. S. Hampton, Ben Thompson and Charlie Fox.
MT. HERMAN — Henry Gilliland, Mrs. Willie Johnson and Mrs. Herman Kerley
MT. OLIVE — Ralph Russell, Brack Deal and Ronda Pearson.
OXFORD MEMORIAL — James Pennell, Wilma Pennell and Fern Blair.
PILGRIM — Richard Bustle, Howard McCurdy and Coly Johnson.
PLEASANT HILL — Edith Harrington, Mrs. Sam Deal and Mrs. John McDaniels.
POPLAR SPRINGS — Mrs. Roy Rogers, Jimmie Watts and Bessie Barnes.
SMYRNA — Robert Echard, Charlie Cline and G. F. Gentle.
STONY POINT — Ruth Foy, A. D. Lindsay and Mrs. J. D. Beaver.
TAYLORSVILLE EAST — Linnie White, Mrs. L. W. Davis and Dessie Meredith.
TAYLORSVILLE FIRST — Rom Moose, Shuford Canipe and Mrs. T. H. Echerd.

PROCEEDINGS

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

of the

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

October 12-13, 1960

Wednesday Morning Session

1. The Alexander Baptist Association convened in its seventy-third annual session October 12, 1960 at 9:45 a. m. with Poplar Springs Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Maurice Grant.
2. Ruth Foy led in singing "Glory To His Name" as the opening hymn.
3. D. R. Kerley led the morning devotion using II Peter 3 and I Cor. 6 for the scripture reading.
4. W. O. Johnson, the host pastor, said words of welcome at this time. He also offered instructions in relationship to the varied activities of the day.
5. Robert Winecoff presented the program and moved its adoption.
6. The clerk called the roll and reported all churches represented except Damascus.
7. Visitors were recognized at this time. They are listed elsewhere in the minutes.
8. The moderator announced several committees; they are listed elsewhere in the minutes.
9. Robert Winecoff talked briefly about the coming Central Training School.
10. New pastors in the Association were recognized by A. E. Watts. They were: Walter Howell, Hiddenite; James Lockee, Liledoun; Ralph Yarborough, Mt. Herman and J. A. Icenhour, Pleasant Hill.
11. Ruth Foy led in singing "My Jesus, I Love Thee."
12. Glenn Moree read from Psalms 16, Joel 2 and Romans 8. After this a season of silent prayer was observed.
13. H. M. Cartner brought an inspiring message on "Our Baptist Heritage."
14. W. O. Warren called the digest of church letters to the attention of the delegates, pointing out some notable increases.
15. James Teague gave the report on our Baptist Hospital and moved its adoption. Albert Meiberg spoke to this report.
16. W. B. Pittard gave the report on our Home for the Aging and moved its adoption.
17. D. R. Kerley gave the report on our Children's Homes and moved its adoption. John Robert spoke to this report.

18. Glenn Moree gave the report on the American Bible Society and moved its adoption.
19. Ruth Foy led in singing "I Need Thee Every Hour."
20. William Poole brought a fine message using Matthew 6 as his scripture.
21. W. O. Johnson announced that lunch had been prepared and was spread in the church yard. A. E. Watts gave thanks for the food and the session was adjourned for lunch.

Wednesday Afternoon Session

22. At 1:45 the session re-convened. The moderator called the delegates to order and Ruth Foy led in singing "Oh How I Love Jesus."
23. In the absence of Mack McCurdy, Arthur Jenkins brought the afternoon devotion using Col. 1 as his scripture.
24. Several announcements were made at this time.
25. Guy Cain was recognized and said a few words.
26. Paul McAlpin gave the report on Evangelism and moved its adoption.
27. James Lockee gave the Home Missions report and moved its adoption.
28. Hunter Church gave the report on Foreign Missions and moved its adoption.
29. Ruth Foy led in singing "Higher Ground."
30. Julian Hopkins brought a fine message using John 3 as his scripture.
31. I. V. Couch gave the report on the Christian Life Commission and moved its adoption.
32. R. L. Dixon gave the report on Christian Education and moved its adoption.
33. Phil Elliott was recognized and said a few words.
34. Claude Gaddy brought a good message using Christian Education as his theme.
35. Guy Cain led in prayer and the session was adjourned to meet with the East Taylorsville Church the following day.

Thursday Morning Session

36. The moderator called the meeting to order at 9:45 a. m.
37. Ruth Foy led in singing "Faith of Our Fathers."
38. Henkle Little led in the devotion using John 28 as his scripture.
39. Ruth Foy led in singing "Rescue The Perishing."
40. The host pastor, R. L. Dixon, offered words of welcome and instruction at this time.
41. Visitors were recognized. (listed elsewhere).

42. Mrs. Dixon gave the W.M.U. report and moved its adoption.
43. A. D. Lindsay gave the Brotherhood report and moved its adoption.
44. I. V. Couch gave the Sunday School report and moved its adoption.
45. Mrs. L. W. Davis gave the Vacation Bible School report and moved its adoption.
46. A. E. Watts spoke briefly about the Bible Schools, stating that this is the second year that we have had a Vacation Bible School in every church in the Association.
47. Mrs. Earl Teague gave the Training Union report and moved its adoption.
48. Robert Winecoff urged our attendance at the coming Central Training School.
49. Joan Miller sang "Open My Eyes."
50. Fritz Hemphill brought a fine message on the Priesthood of the Believer.
51. A. D. Lindsay said a few words about the work of the Brotherhood.
52. A. E. Watts gave the Associational Missionary report and moved its adoption. The suggested budget was also given out at this time.
53. I. V. Couch explained the suggested budget for the Association.
54. Horace Moree gave the State Missions report and moved its adoption.
55. Robert Winecoff introduced O. J. Hagler who led in open discussion and debate about our churches being a free democracy.
56. Ruth Foy led in singing "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone."
57. R. L. Dixon gave instructions about the lunch. J. A. Icenhour offered thanks for the food and the session was adjourned for lunch.

Thursday Afternoon Session

58. R. L. Dixon, the vice-moderator, called the session to order.
59. Wade Rogers led in the afternoon devotion.
60. Ruth Foy led in singing "Jesus Paid It All."
61. Lucy Echerd gave the Music report and moved its adoption.
62. A. E. Watts gave the Worship report and moved its adoption.
63. Robert Winecoff introduced Christine Oxford who gave her testimony and sang "Does Jesus Care?"
64. Ruth Foy led in singing some favorite hymns.
65. A. E. Watts talked briefly about the extension classes for the coming year.
66. Horace Moree reported for the Committee on Time, Place and Preacher. (listed elsewhere).

67. Glenn Moree gave the report of the Resolutions Committee.
68. Paul McAlpin gave the report of the Nomination Committee.
69. H. M. Cartner presented the budget for the new associational year and moved its adoption.
70. W. B. Pittard moved that the Association supplement the 80 dollars now in the treasury for a scholarship at Fruitland Bible Institute in the amount of $95 making a full scholarship in the amount of $175.00 for the year 1961-62.
71. James Lockeee amended this motion that if no need exist in our Association we send this scholarship fund directly to Fruitland that they may use it as they see fit.
72. R. L. Dixon presented the revised constitution and moved its adoption.
73. There were varied motions and amendments made at this time. The clerk announced that these motions could not be placed in the minutes without they were given to him in writing.
74. Ben Thompson made a motion that this constitution be tabled until next year—there being no second—the moderator declared this motion dead.
75. A vote was then taken and the revised constitution was adopted.
76. Ed Elliott gave the report on Public Affairs and moved its adoption.
77. Ralph Yarborough gave the report on Christian Literature and moved its adoption.
78. R. T. Green brought a fine message using Hebrew 11.
79. H. M. Cartner led in prayer and the seventy-third session of the Alexander Baptist Association came to a close.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

ANTIOCH — Pastor, Robert Winecoff, R-2, Taylorsville; Clerk, Warren Keller, R-1, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Blayne Hollar, R-2, Taylorsville; Training Union Director, Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, R-2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Clarence Benfield, R-1, Granite Falls; W.M.U. President, Mrs. Ralph Pennell, R-2, Taylorsville; Choir Director, W. R. Austin, R-2, Taylorsville; Pianist or Organist, Sue Austin, R-2, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, Jay Hollar, R-2, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Dewey Austin, R-5, Hickory.

BETHLEHEM — Pastor, I. V. Couch, R-1, Taylorsville; Clerk, Claude Bowman, R-2, Hickory; Sunday School Superintendent, Maynard Hefner, R-1, Taylorsville; Training Union Director, David Logan, R-5, Hickory; Treasurer, Leo Bowman, Hickory; W.M.U. President, Mrs. Clyde Carrigan, R-1, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Mrs. I. V. Couch, R-1, Taylorsville; Pianist or Organist, Mrs. Howard Teague, R-1, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Fred Lail, R-1, Taylorsville.

BEULAH — Pastor, Glenn Moree, R-1, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. Ernest James, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Harold Keever, R-3, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. Fred Jolly, Taylorsville; W.M.U. President, Mrs. Roland Scott, R-3, Taylorsville; Pianist or Organist, Mrs. Escar Bowman; Chairman of Deacons, Escar Bowman, R-2, Taylorsville.

CALVARY—Pastor, Henkle Little, Taylorsville; Clerk, Dwight Warren, R-2, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Darrell Fox, R-2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. Stella Brookshire, R-1, Hiddenite; Choir Director, Ned Little, Taylorsville; Pianist or Organist, Craig Little, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, Dwight Warren.

DAMASCUS — Pastor, Irvin Wallace, R-2, Harmony; Clerk, Mrs. Ralph Wilson, R-2, Statesville; Sunday School Superintendent, Dwight Johnson, R-2, Hiddenite; Treasurer, Mrs. Ralph Wilson; Choir Director, R. A. Wilson, R-2, Statesville; Pianist or Organist, Elaine Wilson, R-2, Statesville.

HIDDENITE — Pastor, Walter Howell, Hiddenite; Clerk, W. O. Goble, R-2, Hiddenite; Sunday School Superintendent, R. M. Grant, R-3, Taylorsville; Training Union Director, Marcella Hines, Hiddenite; Treasurer, Gerald Goble, R-2, Hiddenite; W.M.U. President, Mrs. W. R. Adams, Hiddenite; Choir Director, Hugh Welborn, Statesville; Pianist or Organist, Gladys Thomas, Sylvia Thomas, Hiddenite; Librarians, Hilda Bradshaw, Norma Bruce, Hiddenite; Chairman of Deacons, Gordon Martin, Hiddenite.

LEBANON — Pastor, Paul McAlpin, R-3, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. James Watts, R-4, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Ralph Watts, R-4, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Peggy Fortner, R-4, Taylorsville; W.M.U. President, Mrs. C. D. Poole, R-4, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Harold Fortner, R-4, Taylorsville; Pianist or Organist, Brenda Harrington, R-4, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, C. D. Poole, R-4, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, C. D. Poole.

LILEDOUN — Pastor, James Lockee, Taylorsville; Clerk, Roland Kerley, R-2, Taylorsville, Sunday School Superintendent, Bill Dyson, R-2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Bobby Simmons, R-2, Taylorsville; W.M.U. President, Mrs. Graydon Dyson, R-2, Taylorsville; Choir Director, C. I. Chapman, R-2, Taylorsville; Pianist or Organist, Jane Jenkins, R-2, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, Mack Little, R-2, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Ernest Jenkins, R-2, Taylorsville.

LINNEY'S GROVE—Pastor, Mack McCurdy, R-1, Hiddenite; Clerk, Luke McCurdy, R-1, Hiddenite; Sunday School Superintendent, Kent Bowles; Treasurer, R. S. Hayes, R-1, Hiddenite; Choir Director, H. J. Gwaltney, R-1, Hiddenite; Pianist or Organist, Mrs. Atwell Childers, R-1, Hiddenite; Chairman of Deacons, J. P. Gwaltney, Hickory.

LITTLE RIVER — Pastor, Hunter Church, R-4, North Wilkesboro; Clerk, Edwin Teague, R-4, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Joe McDuffie, R-4, Taylorsville; Training Union Director, Guy Rogers, R-2, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. Guy Rogers; Choir Director, Ray N. Barnes, R-4, Taylorsville; Pianist or Organist, Louise Chapman, R-4, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, Lindsay Brown, R-4, Taylorsville.

MACEDONIA — Pastor, W. O. Warren, R-1, Taylorsville; Clerk, Yvonne Patterson, R-1, Stony Point; Sunday School Superintendent, Kermit Patterson, Stony Point; Training Union Director, Leona Mecimare, R-1, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Conrad Fox, R-1, Taylorsville; W.M.U. President, Ruth Warren, R-1, Taylorsville; Pianist or Organist, Marie Brinkley, R-1, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Redge Chapman, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, Redge Chapman.

MILLERSVILLE—Pastor, Wade Rogers, Taylorsville; Clerk, G. S. Hampton, R-1, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, G. S. Hampton; Treasurer, Mrs. G. S. Hampton; Choir Director, G. S. Hampton; Pianist or Organist, Mrs. G. S. Hampton; Chairman of Deacons, Ben Thompson, R-1, Taylorsville.

MT. HERMAN — Pastor, Ralph Yarborough, R-2, Taylorsville; Clerk, Henry Gilleland, R-2, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Kenneth Kerley, R-4, Taylorsville; Training Union Director, Henry Gilleland; Treasurer, Wayne McBride, R-2, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Mrs. P. E. Johnson, R-2, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Mrs. Ralph Yarborough; Pianist or Organist, Mrs. Dave Carrigan, R-2, Taylorsville; Librarian, Mrs. Willie Johnson, R-2, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, Kenneth Kerley.

MT. OLIVE — Pastor, Wade Miller, Wilkesboro; Clerk, Sam Wike, R-4, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, T. C. Rogers, R-3, Taylorsville; Treasuer, Mrs. Dewey Davis, R-4, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Mrs. Maynard Childers, R-4, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Ralph Russell, R-4, Taylorsville; Pianist or Organist; Mrs. Larry Davis, R-4, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, Ralph Russell, R-4, Taylorsville.

OXFORD MEMORIAL — Pastor, D. R. Kerley, R-2, Taylorsville; Clerk, Inez Honey, R-2, Lenoir; Sunday School Superintendent, Fitz Blair, R-2, Taylorsville; Training Union Director, Mrs. D. R. Kerley; Treasurer, Pender Caldwell, R-2, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Mrs. D. R. Kerley; Choir Director, Lawrence Barber, R-2, Lenoir; Chairman of Deacons, Fritz Blair.

PILGRIM — Pastor, W. O. Johnson, R-2, Taylorsville; Clerk, Richard Bustle, Moravian Falls; Sunday School Superintendent, Paul Mayberry, Union Grove; Treasurer, Comer Bowles, R-2, Hiddenite; Choir Director, W. G. Mayberry, Moravian Falls; Chairman of Deacons, W. G. Mayberry; Pianist or Organist, Mrs. Grady Millsaps, Statesville.

PLEASANT HILL — Pastor, J. A. Icenhour, R-2, Hiddenite; Clerk, Edith Harrington, R-3, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Tommie Daniels, R-3, Taylorsville; Treasurer, John McDaniels, R-3, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Olin Harrington, R-3, Taylorsville; Pianist or Organist, Phyllis Burke, R-3, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, Clint Childers, R-3, Taylorsville.

POPLAR SPRINGS — Pastor, W. O. Johnson, R-2, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. Roy Rogers, R-4, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Earl Robinette, R-4, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Mrs. Roy Rogers; Choir Director, Butler Chapman, Taylorsville; Pianist or Organist, Mrs. Partee Rector, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, Edd Crouch, Taylorsville.

SMYRNA — Pastor, Horace Moree, R-1, Taylorsville; Clerk, Waitsel Cline, R-1, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Elbert Bostian, R-1, Taylorsville; Training Union Director Director, Estelle Echard, R-1, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Billy Killian, R-1, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Mrs. Ray Stafford, R-1, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Mrs. John Teague, R-1, Taylorsville; Pianist or Organist, Betty Teague, R-1, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, Elbert Bostian; Brotherhood President, Glenn Lail, R-1, Taylorsville.

STONY POINT — Pastor, H. M. Cartner, Stony Point; Clerk, Anne Faires, Stony Point; Sunday School Superintendent, Don Mooney, Stony Point; Training Union Director, Roland Harris, Stony Point; Treasurer, Howard Norton, R-1, Stony Point; W. M. U. President, Mrs. Tom Norton, R-1, Stony Point; Choir Director, Ruth Foy, Stony Point; Pianist or Organist, Nancy Norton, R-1, Stony Point; Librarian, Carrie Pharr, Stony Point; Brotherhood President, Dawson Beckham, Stony Point.

TAYLORSVILLE EAST — Pastor, R. L. Dixon, Taylorsville; Clerk, Mrs. Clayton Cline, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Edd Elliott, Taylorsville; Training Union Director, Mrs. Butler Chapman, Taylorsville; Treasurer, Glenn Davis, R-1, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Mrs. L. W. Davis, R-4, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Homer Daniels, R-4, Taylorsville; Pianist or Organist, Mrs. John Mayberry, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, Owen Little, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Paul Harrington, R-4, Taylorsville.

TAYLORSVILLE FIRST — Pastor, W. B. Pittard, Jr., Taylorsville; Clerk, Lucy Echerd, Taylorsville; Sunday School Superintendent, Fred Lane, Conover; Treasurer, B. L. Mauney, Taylorsville; W. M. U. President, Nancy Smith, Taylorsville; Choir Director, Barry Lindley, Statesville; Pianist or Organist, Mrs. W. W. Harrington, Taylorsville; Librarian, Mrs. Merl Rufty, Taylorsville; Chairman of Deacons, Clay Elledge, Taylorsville; Brotherhood President, Henkel Mills, Taylorsville.

THE SUGGESTED BUDGET FOR 1960-61
ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Associational Missions:	
a. Missionary Salary - $55.00 per week	$2,860.00
b. Car Expense - $50.00 per month	600.00
c. Office Expenses	450.00
d. Social Security	100.00
e. Convention Expenses	100.00
f. Equipment	150.00
	$4,260.00
Central Training School	100.00
Associational Minutes	400.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Sunday School Department	75.00
Training Union Department	75.00
Evangelism Department	60.00
Music Department	35.00
Brotherhood Department	75.00
Vacation Bible Schools	35.00
Woman's Missionary Union	75.00
Pastors Conference	25.00
TOTAL SUGGESTED BUDGET	$5,315.00
LESS State Convention help	899.10
NET total to be raised by the churches	$4,415.90

SUGGESTED INCOME FROM CHURCHES

Antioch	$ 500.00	Mt. Olive	50.00
Bethlehem	400.00	Oxford Memorial	104.00
Beulah	52.00	Pilgrim	50.00
Calvary	100.00	Pleasant Hill	100.00
Damascus	25.00	Poplar Springs	50.00
Hiddenite	225.00	Smyrna	156.00
Lebanon	65.00	Stony Point	700.00
Liledoun	100.00	East Taylorsville	400.00
Linney's Grove	50.00	Taylorsville First	620.00
Little River	50.00		
Macedonia	150.00		$4,182.00
Millersville	35.00	**Total Suggested Budget**	
Mt. Herman	$ 200.00		

We are grateful that most of our churches experience the joy of supporting Associational Missions. Some, of course, will be more limited than others. There is a basis which a few churches have found highly successful, one which your church may consider

at some future date, that of giving on a percentage basis. Churches which are doing this are experiencing a gradual, but sure, increase in associational giving. (3% is being used by some of our churches).

The goals listed above are purely **SUGGESTED GOALS.** Wouldn't it be wonderful if every church would reach this goal, and more wonderful if a few churches would dare to go beyond their goal, for Christ's sake.

Respectfully submitted,
Hayden M. Cartner, Chairman
R. Love Dixon
Redge Chapman
BUDGET COMMITTEE.

ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Treasurer's Report - Oct. 1, 1959-Sept. 30, 1960

James B. Farthing, Treasurer

RECEIPTS:

Antioch	$ 484.46
Bethlehem	424.20
Beulah	56.00
Calvary	100.00
Hiddenite	225.00
Damascus	
Lebanon	60.00
Liledoun	100.00
Linney's Grove	
Little River	50.00
Macedonia	150.00
Millersville	26.75
Mt. Herman	180.00
Mt. Olive	50.00
Oxford Memorial	104.00
Pilgrim	30.00
Pleasant Hill	100.00
Poplar Springs	50.00
Smyrna	145.74
Stony Point	727.57

DISBURSEMENTS:

Salary - 52 weeks	$2,600.00
Car allowance	600.00
Office Expense	445.35
Social Security	100.00
Equipment (office)	582.49
Convention Expense	84.84
Tr. Union Dept.	65.44
V. B. Schools	29.32
Brotherhood	56.50
S. S. Department	68.74
W. M. U.	88.80
Music Department	6.00
Evangelism Dept.	4.50
Central Tr. School	94.82
Book Sales	241.33
Minutes	384.00
Assoc. Speakers	20.00
	$5,472.13

East Taylorsville	360.00
Taylorsville First	620.00
Special (Tay. First to pay Associational Speakers)	20.00
Minutes	73.00
Book Sales	241.33
W. M. U. Offering	20.41
State Convention	1,008.00
	$5,406.46
Plus balance Oct. 1, 1959	973.25
	$6,379.71

Balance Sept. 30, 1960		907.58
		$6,379.71
Balance Sept. 30, 1960		$ 907.58
Less reserve for		
1. Minutes - $400.00		
2. Fruitland Student Fund -	80.00	480.00
Net Balance Sept. 30, 1960		$ 427.58

Respectfully submitted,

James B. Farthing, Treasurer

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CHURCHES FOR YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1960

Antioch Church reports the largest Training Union in the Association. They also report the largest average attendance in Sunday School.

Beulah Church reports the largest number of baptisms in the Association.

Hiddenite Church reports a new pastor called October 1, 1960. He is Walter Howell.

Lebanon Church reports some remodeling on their present building during the past year.

Liledoun is in the process of building a new parsonage.

Mt. Herman Church reports a new pastor called January 24, 1960. He is Ralph Yarborough. They have just completed a new parsonage.

Pleasant Hill Church reports a new pastor. He is J. A. Icenhour.

Poplar Springs Church reports some remodeling done on the present building, also the completion of a new educational building.

The Stony Point Church reports the largest gifts to missions in the Association.

Report of Time, Place, and Preacher Committee.
For 1961 Alexander Baptist Associational Meeting.

TIME: WED., OCT. 11th.
THUR., OCT. 12th.

PLACE: 1st Day at Liledoun Baptist Church.
2nd Day at Little River Baptist Church.

PREACHER: Rev. Paul McAlpin

ALTERNATE: Rev. D. R. Kerley

Respectfully submitted,
Horace Moree, Chairman
Homer Daniels
Mrs. Kermit Patterson

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

As your Nominating Committee we recommend and nominate the following list of officers for this Associational Year.

Moderator	James W. Teague
Vice-Moderator	Horace Moree
Clerk	W. O. Warren
Treasurer	James B. Farthing
Historian	Miss Lucy Echerd
Missionary	A. E. Watts
Sunday School Supt.	R. M. Grant
Training Union Director	Mrs. Earl Teague
W. M. U. President	Mrs. Ruth Foy
Brotherhood President	A. D. Lindsay
Music Director	Miss Lucy Echerd
Evangelism Director	R. Love Dixon
Children's Homes Representative	D. R. Kerley
Baptist Hospital Representative	James Lockee
Homes for the Aging Representative	Glenn Moree
Missions Committee	I. V. Couch, Chairman, R. H. Yarborough, and J. A. Icenhour

Respectfully submitted,
Paul McAlpin, Chairman
Kenneth Kerley
Mrs. M. L. Kerley

ADDITIONAL NOTES FROM THE CLERK

The Alexander Baptist Association was formed at Macedonia Baptist Church, meeting the first time September 1-2, 1887.

The Associational year closes with the last service in September or the 30th day.

Remember all reports should be kept reasonably short — not over one page if possible.

Be sure the information in your church letter is correct. It will be printed as it appears.

When recording the name of a woman, we prefer that you use their first name (not Mrs.) it saves both time and space.

The Alexander Baptist Ministers Conference meets on Monday following the third Sunday of each month. The officers are as following:

President	W. O. Warren
Vice President	I. V. Couch
Secretary	Horace Moree
Chorister	James Lockee
Pianist	H. M. Cartner
Program Chairman	R. L. Dixon

Visitors meeting with us this year were as following: Albert Meiburg, Phil Elliott, Julian Hopkins, William Poole, John Roberts, Guy Cain, Claude Gaddy, Fritz Hemphill, O. J. Hagler and R. T. Green.

There recently came into my possession part of a copy of associational minutes dated September 21, 1867. Of course the Alexander Association had not been formed then. It was 20 years later in 1887 that this association had its beginning. It was of great interest to me to read their proceedings and statistical tables and to compare them to this year 1960 almost one hundred years later. I noticed they had 22 churches the same number that we have. They had given thirty-six dollars to the support of the association compared to over four thousand given by our churches this year. The treasurer reported that he had a balance on hand of $5.52¾ I am not sure where the ¾ cents comes in. I also noticed they had excluded 56 members from their church rolls during that year because they did not demonstrate christian virtues.

It may appear a little strange to us, but it seems that a person was supposed to act like a christian to belong to the church in those days. We are in a mad race for big numbers today and it seems to make little difference if a person is right with God or not. They will make our number larger either way.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The Sunday school theme for 1959-'60, "Teaching them—all things," challenged all Sunday school workers to commit themselves to obey the Great Commission, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28:19-20).

There are 23 Sunday schools in the association—one in every church and one mission school. The total enrollment was 4,552 and the average attendance was 2,968.

Two Central Training Schools were held—one in October and one in April—with an enrollment of 600. There were 472 awards earned in these schools. The total number of awards earned the first three quarters of the year under the new plan of Teaching and Training was 924 with sixteen churches participating.

Seven of the churches observed January Bible Study and four observed Preparation Week.

Seven churches are now using the Six Point Record System.

Eight of the churches reported Youth Week observance.

East Taylorsville Church had a recognition service for having reached the Standard with Dr. Herman Ihley presenting the banner.

Two officers planning meetings were held; two age-group conferences were conducted and the Sunday school year was climaxed with Sunday School Family Night September 27, having Dr. Carl E. Bates as speaker.

"Outreach for the Unreached" is the theme for the coming year. The scripture verse, "Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest", (John 4:35) should give us the incentive to reach out for the unreached.

Respectfully submitted,

I. V. Couch

TRAINING UNION REPORT FOR 1960

We realize now more than ever the need for christian growth. This is not a temporary need which can be met once for all. The christian life should be a continuous experience of growth. Growth in spiritual knowledge and understanding, growth in christian attitudes, and growth in christian living and serving.

Christian growth is not automatic, it requires nurture and training. It requires dedication and perserverance.

The Training Union Organization is designed for the purpose of meeting this need. The Training Union curriculum offers courses in doctrine, and in church and denominational life. The Daily Bible Readers course and the lesson course furnish guidance for daily living.

We have over 3,000 Sunday School members in our Association, who are not enlisted in a Training program. If the 1,200 Training Union members we now have would enlist three mem-

bers each in Training Union, we could enlist these and others during the coming year.

If each member of the Training Union becomes a missionary in his own Association, he can better participate in world-wide missions.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Earl Teague

REPORT OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It is a privilege to give our Bible School report and I am very happy to report that our Association has been again this year 100% in Bible schools, every Church in the Association has had a school this year.

We had a total of 22 church schools with an enrollment of 2,218, an average attendance of 1,971, with 40 professions of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and 52 rededicating their lives to their Lord. A mission offering of $664.42, most of it going to the Co-operative Program.

Five Churches reported Standard schools, Antioch, Bethlehem, Oxford Memorial, Stony Point, and East Taylorsville.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. L. W. Davis

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION REPORT

Woman's Missionary Union was born in prayer and through the years God has guided and blessed in a developing program which has stretched out to include women around the world.

The practice of burdened, intercessory prayer gives women the assurance that they enter into God's plan for world evangelization as Labors together with God.

The year 1960, has been a good year in our W. M. U. work. We have organized a new W. M. S. at Oxford Memorial. We now have 15 Churches out of 22 with W. M. S.

There are 843 members, 41 organizations, including Y. W. A. Intermediate G. A.'s, Junior G. A.'s and Sunbeam Band.

293 Royal Services—22 Windows of Y. W. A.—114 Tell Magazines—10 Sunbeams.

442 giving through Cooperative program.
206 tithers.

OUR TRAINING

A Leadership Conference. A Mission Institute.

The Year Book taught at our new W. M. S. Oxford Memorial. We believe our women are seeing the need, for training and developing more each day, because there has been more books read,

and greater interest shown in our Jubilee Advance goals and Achievement than ever before. Our stewardship is not what we would like it to be, or what we feel God would have it be.

"Every W. M. S. A Tither, For God"

OUR GIFTS TO MISSIONS:

Lottie Moon	$5,164.44
Annie Armstrong	$1,175.99
Heck Jones	$ 356.02

(We do not have as yet our State Missions) Offering.

First, I want to thank God, for this report.

Second, I would like to thank each and every one for the fine cooperation, and everything you might have done to make this year in our W. M. U., what it is.

The door of opportunity is open now for missions in our Association. Lets work **now** for our Saviour.

Annual meeting in April. By-laws were adopted by our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. R. Love Dixon

REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY

Associational Missions is a work which should challenge all of us in all of our churches, for it is, as I so often say, a vital link between the local church and world missions. Through Associational Missions we seek to promote Evangelism, Missions, Stewardship, Education, and Training in our churches and our Baptist work to the ends of the earth. Associational Missions is our churches, voluntarily working together, in love and fellowship, to do what our Lord has commanded.

This has been the busiest year of my life. I have been in every one of our 22 churches, and several outside our association. I have been in 284 church services, 739 conferences (Individual, Group, and Committees), sent out 5,830 pieces of mail, made 2,428 telephone calls and received about the same number of calls, and spent 1,649 hours working in the office.

Here are a few of the outstanding events of the year. Two Central Training Schools, with an enrollment of 598, "M" Night, with an attendance of 363, Sunday School Family Night, with about 250 present, a Vacation Bible School in every church, a 23% increase in Baptisms, a 19½% increase in total mission gifts, a 23½% increase in gifts to the cooperative program, a Lottie Moon Christmas Offering of over $5,100.00, and the remarkable financial support of our associational program. Mention, too, ought to be made of the Stony Point Church, which gave $7,727.00 to missions, a record for our association in any one year.

Loyal Baptists voluntarily working together, consecrated and devoted pastors, and faithful capable helpers has made this associational program possible. Thank you for your wonderful support, your love, your understanding, your prayers, and may every Baptist in Alexander County know that my daily prayer is for all of our people in all of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Watts

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT FOR ALEXANDER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

According to our latest Foreign Missions bulletin the world's population increased by forty-eight million people in 1959, a net increase of 1.7% over that of 1958. Eighty persons added to the world's population every minute, over five thousand per hour, one hundred thirty thousand per day, four million per month.

Christians are losing ground. It is now estimated that only one-fourth of the population increase is being won to Christ. We are made to wonder sometimes if one-third of those have actually experienced a personal faith in Christ, when 40 to 60 percent of the church members are lost to the service of Christ and his Church.

The Bible says, and I quote: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject Thee." I said that to say this: An informed Baptist is usually a responding Baptist. "The commission" is a foreign missions magazine which gives us gripping stories direct from the Missionaries and their fields of labor. We can now secure this magazine for every elected worker of the church, for only $1.10 per year, or 88c for every resident family. Let's inform our people of the urgent need of winning the world for Christ.

We are apt to say, "We can never win the world to Christ in this generation." If **this** generation is ever won **we** will have to do it. The next **one** cannot win **this** generation. We now have **fourteen hundred** and **fifty-four** missionaries in **forty-four** countries. We ought to have thousands. It is gratifying to know that Alexander County has at least one family volunteering, the Robert Wincoffs. We understand they are preparing for appointment. We are sorry to learn that less and less young people in the Southern Baptist Convention are responding to the call and less and less money is being given to support those who will go. According to the same Missions bulletin, Southern Baptist gave less than one-fourth their estimated tithe in 1959. In other words we have robbed Christ's cause of nearly 1½ billion dollars. Think how many missionaries that would have supported. Think how many souls could have been won to Christ. A few years ago they esti-

mated that it cost approximately $20.00 to win one person to Christ in foregin fields. At that rate we **lost seventy-five million souls** in 1959 simply by withholding God's tithe.

Christ's words are just as pertinent today as they ever have been. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few: Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature, he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

I heard Howard Butt make this statement: "The world at any given moment is in the hands of the **dedicated** and the **enthusiastic.**" Billy Graham said, at the Southern Baptist Convention, that communism had won more converts in twenty years with a **lie,** than christianity had in two thousand years with the **truth.**

I'd like to challenge every pastor, every delegate, every church, every individual to pray more **for,** and give more to, **missions.** I'd like also to say, only as a challenge, that some of the deacons and others at Little River Church became disturbed over the fact that we might become selfish in using too much of our funds for local purposes. As a result the church voted to send a minimum of ten percent to missions. Some churches give fifty percent and more to missions. "How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Hunter Church

REPORT ON BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

The Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Incorporated, is a multiple service agency providing Christian love and nurture for more than 800 deserving boys and girls annually.

The three homes are: Mills Home at Thomasville with 311 children, Kennedy Home at Kinston with 165, and Odum Home at Pembroke with 24 children.

There are 160 children in Foster Homes and 40 others who are assisted by Mother's Aid. Case work supervision is afforded 30 college students annually.

Children attend public school and participate in all school activities. Opportunities for Christian commitment and spiritual growth are afforded on the campuses, in the colleges, and through the churches.

Relatives, pastors, social service agencies, and interested friends make inquiries about admission of children in need of care. When applications are received, well trained case workers make a thorough study of each situation to determine the need and the best possible plan of care for the child.

The Social Service Department of the Children's Homes affords case work services throughout the state. Individuals, families, pastors, and churches are entitled to this help upon request.

The Baptist Child Care Program is supported through the Cooperative Program 31.5 per cent, Thanksgiving Offerings 31.1 per cent, Once-a-Month Offerings 21.9 per cent, Special Gifts and Endowment 15.5 per cent.

Income for the past three years has not been sufficient to meet minimum needs. Many children have been denied a Christian home whom we should have served. An increased Thanksgiving Offering is imperative this year.

North Carolina Baptist have been caring for homeless and dependent children for 75 years. Appropriate observance of the 75th Anniversary will be made in November. During these years, more than 8,000 children have been afforded life's best opportunities. The need for such services increases with the development of industry, increase in population, growth of cities, and the mounting tensions which accrue to families in an urbanized society.

John E. Roberts became editor of **Charity and Children,** June 1, 1960. We envision under his editorship this paper making an increasing contribution to the total life of our Baptist people.

North Carolina Baptists will continue to love and serve dependent children. No other object is so worthy to service and sacrifice. Many areas of unmet need confront us each day. Your continued interest and increasing support will help us meet them.

Respectfully submitted,
D. R. Kerley

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS

Southern Baptists support a missionary force of more than 2,000 on home mission fields according to Courts Redford, Atlanta, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board. In addition there were 470 student summer missionaries. These missionaries reported 44,649 professions of faith in 1959.

Redford attributed the gain of 344 in personnel over the previous year to 16 co-operative agreements between state conventions and the Home Mission Board. The agreements combine financial and personnel resources for a unified, evangelistic, and missionary program within the state.

The Annie Armstrong Offering and the Cooperative Program provided $4,151,389.58 for home mission work during 1959.

A major emphasis of home mission work, which is active in all states, has been seven programs outlined by Redford as: evangelism, church loans, chaplaincy, pioneer and associational missions, city missions, National Baptists, and language group missions.

A milestone was reached in missionary personnel appointment in the adoption of minimum requirements by the Board. Conferences with students at Southern Baptists' six seminaries indicated God's leadership to pioneer areas.

Pioneer missions received about $1,332,000.00. The church loans division has majored on pioneer areas. Loans amounting to almost $2 million and totaling 155 were made during 1959. The Southern Baptist Convention has made $4 million available to the Board for loans for the next five-year period.

At the end of 1959, 74 city missions programs were in operation. Seattle, Wash., became the fourth major city to be included in Southern Baptists' "Big Cities" program with the appropriation of $100,000.00 for church sites. A major emphasis of the city Missions Department has been on its juvenile rehabilitation programs, Jewish work, and 45 mission center programs.

The 30,000 Movement is progressing toward the 1964 goal. More than 10,000 new churches and missions had been started by May, 1960. The Board's Department of Survey and Special Studies plans surveys of communities, cities and entire states to pinpoint mission needs and get information on families.

The expanding work of home missions depends on personnel, and during the year these workers joined the staff: C. E. Autery, director of the Evangelism Division; Jack Stanton, associate in the Evangelism Division; Lewis Newman, associate in the Department of Associational Missions; Gerald Palmer, associate in the Department of Language Missions; L. D. Wood, superintendent of Panamanian Missions; Walker L. Knight, secretary of the department of Editorial Services, and Thomas Haynes, escrow officer in the church Loans Division.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. James R. Lockee

REPORT ON EVANGELISM

Evangelism is a divine command. It is the very heart-beat of God and the life-blood of His church, associational or worldwide. It stands at the forefront of the great commission of our Lord, as given in Matthew 28:19-20.

This great commission of our Lord was given to every believer in Christ. The command is that we go and share the good news of the gospel with a lost and dying world. We are to begin in Jerusalem and to keep on going until people around the whole world has heard the sweetest story ever told. Our Jerusalem is in our own county. We have about 1,200 people who are not aligned with any church and 300 children growing to the age of accountability each year. About 60% of these, if they are ever won to Christ, will be won by we Baptists. They are our responsibility and at our present rate of evangelism, many of our children will be eternally lost. Will their blood be on our hands?

Many goals have been set with reference to the number we hope to baptize each year. God's plans is not 10% more, or 30%, or even 50% more, but his plan is for us to do our best to win every one who is lost. Not 26 to reach one, but one reach one. To set a goal any less than one to win one, would be a lack of vision on our part and to ignore the great commission of our Lord.

Three things will determine how many we will win to our Savior:

1. Our vision of this lost world.
2. The sincerity of our prayers.
3. Our willingness to share that others may know our Lord and Savior.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul McAlpin

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

State Missions is the missionary effort on the part of North Carolina Baptist to reach the unsaved for Christ and teach, enlist, and train the saved in giving, living, and serving through the churches and throughout the world.

State Missions has a tremendous task in its missionary endeavor. Our State has at least 2,000,000 lost people. Among our more than 900,000 Baptist Church members it is estimated that 60 percent are not dedicated in their Christian profession. With this being true we all will agree that State Missions does have a great work to be done.

With such a challenge for State Missions there must be a varied and well planned program of mission activity. What is the program that meets this challenge? And how does it meet its challenge?

1. Our people need to be taught and trained. Therefore, many phases of our State Mission's work are promoted through the **Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, Royal Ambassadors, Church Development,** and **Music Departments.**
2. Since 60 percent of the people of our state are lost, and need the Saviour, State Missions provides a Department of Evangelism that seeks to inspire pastors and churches to evangelize their communities; also, to plan for and promote united evangelistic efforts on a state and associational-wide scale. North Carolina Baptist Churches reported 34,-833 baptisms in 1958, this being more than any other state except Texas.
3. A growing population demands new and stronger churches. State Missions provides a necessary and significant ministry through aid on some church buildings and the purchase of sites for new churches and some one hundred or more

salaries for pastors. Six out of every ten Baptist churches in North Carolina have been assisted in one or more ways through this ministry.

4. A more highly developed and intelligent congregation demands a better trained pastor. Pastors' Schools are promoted through State Missions to meet this growing need. In 1958 about 175 pastors received better training at Fruitland. Refresher courses are also offered to pastors through the ministry of State Missions at Mars Hill.
5. The colored race in our midst make up a large percentage of our population. State Missions seeks to minister to these through the Department of Interracial cooperation.
6. There are other areas which constantly challenge the resources of State Missions. Those areas are (1) The Christian Action League, (2) The Silent People, (3) The Caswell Assembly and The Fruitland Camp, and other related ministries.
7. There is also the Department of Church Planning. This department serves many churches through counsel and guidance in planning for beautiful and more adequate churches. Much money is saved for churches through the services of this department.
8. Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador Work are great departments of service to the men and boys of our churches. In this area of work State Missions has an unlimited ministry.

With such a challenge as this which State Missions seek to meet, let us as Baptist do our part toward the support of State Missions. As a result we will have more Christians in our state and more trained and dedicated servants in the Kingdom of God.

Respectfully submitted,

Horace Moree

WORSHIP REPORT

We have in our Association twenty-two churches. Of these, fourteen are on full-time, three others have services each Sunday morning, and one other has services on two Sunday mornings, and on the opposite two Sunday nights. This makes eighteen of our churches which have services each Sunday. The other four of our group are on half-time. In other words, in 82% of our churches, our people have the privilege of hearing the gospel preached every Sunday.

Five years ago we had in our fellowship twenty-one churches, with eleven churches full-time, and ten half-time. We have increased from 52½% to 82% in five years, which is remarkable in itself. However, closely related to this growth, we find two other things which are significant. First, our gifts to all missions

causes have increased from $18,045.00 in 1955 to $41,668.00 in 1960, which is a growth of 130% in five years. Second, in 1955 we gave to our pastors $49,532.00, and in the year just ended, we gave them, $72,044.00, which is an increase of 45%.

For this significant growth in a five-year period, we humbly bow, and thank and praise our Lord, for it He who "giveth the increase."

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. Watts

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

A. Resolution of appreciation of program:

WHEREAS the Program Committee has prepared and presented to us a program that has been helpful and inspiring; therefore, be it resolved that we express our appreciation:

1. To the Program Committee for the preparation of an excellent program.
2. To each person who has had a part in making this, the seventy-third session of the Alexander Baptist Association, a success.

B. Resolution of appreciation to our leaders:

Be it resolved that we the messengers of this association express our heart-felt gratitude to the following leaders:

1. To Mr. R. M. Grant, Moderator and Rev. W. O. Warren, Clerk, for the fine service rendered.
2. To Mrs. Ruth Foy and Miss Lucy Echerd for their time and leadership in making our worship in song so helpful and meaningful.

C. Resolution of appreciation to Poplar Springs and East Taylorsville Churches:

WHEREAS the two churches, Popular Springs Baptist and East Taylorsville Baptist, have so graciously entertained the Alexander Baptist Association; therefore be it resolved that this Association express genuine gratitude to them for their kind reception and delightful service.

Respectfully submitted,
Glenn Moree, Chairman,
G. S. Hampton
Mrs. Ralph Kerley

BROTHERHOOD REPORT

The Brotherhood Department of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina working with the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has recommended a complete re-organization of our Brotherhood work beginning this church year. This recommendation was made after very careful

study of the new plan, even to the extent of having it tried in several of our associations during the past year. In every place in which the new system was tried it was a complete success.

At the beginning of this church year the brotherhoods of The Alexander Baptist Association accepted the recommendation and are now beginning to operate under the new plan. Some of the major changes that are being made are:

1. A new list of officers which are as follows:
Pastor — President — Vice President, and Secretary,
Royal Ambassador Leader
Christian Witness Leader
Personal Stewardship Leader
World Mission Leader

2. Special emphasis is being placed on the fact that our Church Brotherhoods are to keep their work within the program of the Church.

3. Church Brotherhood programs are to be planned and presented by the leaders as mentioned in the list of new offices. Each leader to take his turn with the program when directed to do so by the president. This replaces the old system of a program chairman serving for every program presented during the year.

4. The Brotherhood Leadership and Service Training program was inaugurated January 1st, 1960. Five courses are now offered. They are: The Church Brotherhood Guidebook, A Church Using Its Brotherhood, The Associational Brotherhood Manual, Royal Ambassador Basic Leadership Course, and Royal Ambassador Campcraft. Awards will be issued on completion of each unit and new courses will be added from time to time. Every brotherhood member is expected to engage in some training.

These changes, along with many others to numerous to mention, make up our new brotherhood system. Much time and effort has been put into this effort to make our organization the finest place in the church for our men to find and use their talents for the promotion of the work of the church.

With the above in mind we recommend the following:

1. That every brotherhood member study the new Church Brotherhood Guide Book.

2. That every R. A. Leader realize anew the great responsibility of his work and then spend more time in studying the available courses to better train himself for the task.

3. That every brotherhood member during this year complete at least one unit of study as offered under the Brotherhood Leadership and Training Program.

4. That the pastor of every church in the Alexander Baptist Association that does not have a Church Brotherhood think seriously of what it could mean to his church and then lead his men into such an organization.

5. That all of our Church Brotherhoods become a definite department of the church to the extent that the financial needs such as supplies for R. A. work, literature, etc. be furnished by the church in the same manner as for the Sunday School, and that all officers of the brotherhood be elected by the church.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. Lindsey

THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY

What it is, what it does, where it works, why it must expand, how can it expand.

I—What it is.

A—The American Bible Society has as its single, simple purpose to encourage the wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures without note and comment and without purpose of profit to every man on earth in whatever language he may require.

II—What it does.

A—The American Bible Society's supreme concern is to get the Bible into the hands of those who do not have it and to do so in a manner to secure serious interest and a receptive mind.

B—Its principal processes are four.

(1) Translation.
(2) Publication.
(3) Distribution.
(4) Promotion of Bible use.

III—Where it works.

A—Headquarters—450 Park Avenue, New York City 22.

(1) Offices in several cities of the U. S.
(2) Representatives abroad: in various countries.
(3) Service through missionary agencies: in the Pacific Islands.
(4) Special services: Aid to Foreign Bible Societies.

IV—Why it must expand.

A—Because the one hope of our fear-wrecked, sin-ridden world is the gospel of Jesus Christ;

V—How can it expand?

A—By increasing support through gifts from:

(1) Churches.
(2) Individuals.
(3) Auxiliary Societies.

Respectfully submitted,

Glenn Moree

MUSIC REPORT

In Deut. 31:19, God gave Moses some directions. "Now therefore write ye this song for you, and teach it the children of Israel." On several occasions, David challenged us to "sing unto the Lord a new song." In the New Testament, Paul speaks in Col. 3:16 b, "Teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord." We see, therefore, in both the Old and New Testament how God Himself laid hold of singing as one of the most effective teaching aids known to man.

Throughout the years, Southern Baptists have always searched for better ways of presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ to lost people. If we sing the right songs, in the right spirit, our music can be a most important part of every church service. The music program of our denomination has created a desire for better work in presenting the gospel through music. We realize that trained leadership can help attain this.

In connection with the Central Training School at East Taylorsville this spring, we had three classes for those interested in better church music. Mr. Joe Stroud, Director of our State Music Department, taught a book about the hymns of our church, "Christian Hymnody." Mr. Alex Hagenhart, then Music and Educational Director at West Hickory Church, taught a course for those who play the instruments for our church services, "Hymn Playing." Mr. Milton Burd, from Statesville First Church, taught "Beginning Music Reader."

On December 21, 1959, the Carol Sing which has become an annual affair, was held on the Court House square. Although it was a cold night, many "Singing Baptists" came to join in the carols. The Christmas Story in colored slides was shown as the scripture was read by the Rev. Robert Winecoff. Mr. Hugh Welborn directed the singing and Mrs. John Mayberry played the organ.

Our summer Hymn Sing was held at Antioch on August 21, 1960 with "Christian Virtues" as the theme. Mr. Barry Lindley directed and Miss Barbara Grant was pianist. The Rev. Ralph Yarborough read the scripture and the choir of Taylorsville First Church rendered special music.

Your Music Committee for the next year follows:

Director	Miss Lucy Echerd
Pastor Advisor	Ralph Yarborough
Graded Choirs	Mrs. I. V. Couch
Instrumental	Miss Gayle Teague
Training	Mrs. R. L. Dixon
Congregational Activities	Hugh Welborn
Publicity and Promotion	W. B. Pittard, Jr.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Echerd

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

More than 17,000 bills and resolutions, many containing religious liberty problems, have been introduced in the eighty-sixth Congress.

It is the job of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs to study these problems and report to the Baptist people.

Baptist joint Committee examines the major bills suspected of containing church-state problems and tells Southern Baptists of their content through the Baptist Press and in the Committee's Report from the Capital.

The National Defense Education Act was probably the most important and far-reaching piece of church-state legislation considered by the last Congress; it provided $887,900,000 for four years for such things as student loans, equipment, and teaching aids. One of the most interesting is the provision for five scholarships to Union Theological Seminary.

The Senate passed a resolution to provide by law an annual Interfaith Day the fourth Sunday in September each year. The idea behind this was to promote national unity in order to be stronger against Russian Communism.

The nations' churches or church leaders were not consulted about this proposal and it slipped through the Senate without debate. The Baptist Joint Committee had earlier reported this to the Baptist people. Fortunately, the bill was killed in Committee in the House, or the churches would now have an annual Interfaith Day confronting them by imposition of law.

During the Senate debate on Federal aid to education this year, an amendment was proposed to provide 75 million dollars annually for two years in loans to parochial schools. The precedent established by the Baptist in loans for hospitals was cited as support for the amendment.

The amendment was defeated by only 14 votes in the Senate. The House committee on Education and Labor voted not to include the amendment in its recommendation but it still could creep out on the floor of the House.

Bills to provide income tax benefit for parents of parochial school children have been introduced.

Baptist people have a responsibility for the proper stewardship of their Christian influence in public affairs and proper church-state relations.

Careful discussions are necessary for solutions.

Respectfully submitted,

Edd K. Elliott

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LITERATURE
OCTOBER 13, 1960

Our great heritage is not the twenty-odd billion dollars worth of gold buried in the Kentucky hills. Neither is the vast wealth of our gigantic industrial empire, nor the great farms of our fertile plains nor our rich mountain mines. Our great heritage is the wealth of the accumulated knowledge for which humanity has toiled, struggled, fought, bled, and died since the dawn of man's existence on the earth.

Try to picture man without a written language! The imagination is staggered. We see the whole civilization crashing into ruin at our feet, what a boon for man to be able to record his thoughts, discoveries, and knowledge for posterity. The slow, painful march toward this goal began in the earliest crude picture drawings. Gradually at the cost of almost infinite pains and sacrifice, the first alphabet was born—the priceless tool for which man had yearned was in his hand. Through all the centuries men have been able to express themselves in the written language. Of course this reaches its loftest height in Christian literature that has been made available to us through the centuries. And today Southern Baptist are fortunate in the abundance of Baptist literature available to everyone.

First in the catalogue of Christian Literature, is the BIBLE. Baptist through all ages have recognized the Bible as First, Foremost and Final in all literature pertaining to man's relationship to God. This Book of Books gives our clearest and most practical instruction for spiritual growth. Every Southern Baptist should Know, Love, and Use this precious Book that has been passed down to us at a tremendous cost.

Your Baptist State Paper since 1833 also exist today at a great cost. This has been a year of change and transition for the Biblical Recorder. On January 1, Marse Grant became editor, succeeding Dr. L. L. Carpenter, who retired after 17 years in the editor's chair. Since the first of the year a number of changes have been made in the Recorder, including larger type and full-page pictures on the cover. In a study made by a nationally-known professor of journalism, the Recorder was rated among the top three state papers in the Southern Baptist Convention.

For the price of a 3c or 4c postage stamp, the Recorder can come into your home each week. For only $1.50 a year, the Recorder can be sent to every family in your church. For a 4c stamp each week, or $2 a year, you can receive the paper in the Club Plan of four or more subscribers in the same church. Certainly our Baptist families are worth 3c or 4c a week. A continuing campaign is being made to put the Recorder in more church budgets. Deacons and finance committees are urged to consider this at the earliest possible moment. As every pastor knows, an informed membership is essential if a church makes progress.

Of course Charity and Children still holds a warm place in the heart of our people, as it keeps us in touch with the work of our N. C. Baptist Homes.

I would like to call your attention to other magazines that come into our homes, such as Home Missions, and the Commission. Both carry out the missionary movement of our Baptist churches, and will keep you in touch with our missionaries on the Foreign Mission and Home Mission fields. The Home Life, a Christian home magazine that serves to keep the home happier and holier, and we who read the Home Life think that it is one of the best magazines that come into our homes. Royal Service, the magazine that our W.M.S. uses and finds that they cannot do without. Our Brotherhood magazine that we of the Brotherhood get each month, and find that it gives an insight to all types of missionary work. Open Windows, published quarterly, has the daily devotions that can be used on all occasions, and will help all who read.

This illustrious collection of the best Christian literature in the home will fortify the home against the evil and hurtful and illegal literature that is on sale at every street corner in our towns. Make no mistake about it, the printed page is going to win the battle for men's minds and hearts. In this crucial year in American history, the following quotation is so pertinent as we think of the importance of our Bible and Baptist publications: "If religious literature is not widely circulated among the masses in this country, I do not know what is to become of us as a nation. If truth be not diffused, error will be; if the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of a corrupt and licentious literature will; if the power of the gospel is not felt through the length and breadth of our land, anarchy and misrule, degradation and misery, corruption and darkness will reign."

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph H. Yarborough

ALEXANDER ASSOCIATION

Churches with Recorder Clubs	Number Subscriptions
Antioch—Every Family	111
Bethlehem	14
Hiddenite	9
Lebanon	5
Mt. Herman	8
Macedonia	11
Smyrna—Every Family	31
Stony Point—Every Family	135
Taylorsville, 1st.	104

REPORT ON NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The Ministry of our Baptist Hospital touches every area of our state. Last year it served more than 17,000 bed patients, with 150,000 visits being made to the clinics and offices. They came for examinations, medical treatment, skilled surgery, and spiritual guidance. Many of our homes, most of our churches, and almost all of our communities have been served by this ministry of healing. It touches the family life of about a quarter of a million of our people each year.

Sickness is no respector of persons or pocketbooks. It strikes the rich and poor alike—the widow, the orphan, the aged. There are times when they need such specialized care as that available at our Baptist Hospital. The Mother's Day Fund provides money with which our Hospital gives assistance to those who cannot pay the full cost of their care. Our Hospital almost doubles our gifts with matching funds from welfare agencies and other gifts. In addition to this, the medical staff gives its services without charge to all service patients, except for available insurance payments.

Probably we should ask ourselves if we as Christians should provide such a ministry for our needy, sick neighbors. Jesus and the New Testament writers give us the answer. But do we really want such a ministry? It cannot be provided except at great cost. Our Hospital receives about 3¾% of our Co-operative Program funds for payments on the buildings, purchase of expensive equipment, such as heart-lung machines, and for the Department of Pastoral Care. Our Mother's Day Fund provides the money to help pay the hospital bills of needy, sick persons. The amount of this fund determines for the most part the amount of help our Hospital can give.

If we are serious about this ministry which was so close to the heart of our Lord, and want our Hospital to give help when our people need it, we are going to have to become serious about our giving to the Mother's Day Fund. Our Hospital is facing a grave financial problem, and if it is to give free service we are going to have to contribute the money to finance the program.

The only way we can support this work is to plan for it, to make somebody in each church responsible for it, to let our people know about the need, and to challenge them to give of their means. Some of our churches over the state have been doing this, and our people have demonstrated that when this is done they will provide the necessary support. We come to ask you to do it in your church—not for the hospital, but for the sick people who are in need.

The situation is this:

1. The cost of care of service patients (those who must have financial assistance) in 1959 was $780,435.40, with no charges made for professional services of physicians, beyond insurance payments. To pay this cost, the Hospital had $449,606.58 from

the following sources: Welfare funds, $186,613.13; gifts, mostly from individuals, $23,645.06; Duke Endowment, $24,942; and the Mother's Day Offering, $214,406.39. Money spent above the funds available was $195,593.61.

2. Although room rates for private patients were increased and employees continued to work for less than they could earn in comparable institutions, there was not enough money to pay the $195,593.61. The operating loss for the year was $17,144.05 with no allowance for depreciation. (This year the Hospital Trustees felt compelled to establish the 40-hour work week and the 75-cent minimum wage, a change which affected 900 employees and resulted in increased costs.)

The Baptists of our state established the Hospital because they wanted a place where our people could get care when they needed the facilities of a modern hospital. Christian charity is its heart, and the bigness of this heart is shown in the fact that 40% of its work is for service patients. There is no reason to expect the need for this service to decrease. Instead, it is bound to continue to grow.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Teague

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

North Carolina Baptists promote a program of education much wider in scope than that represented in their seven colleges. In the local churches there are numerous activities along with the Sunday school relating to education. All these activities are promoted through a special division known as Church Programs. Through the Southern Baptist Convention North Carolina Baptists share in the promotion and support of the seven seminaries which are administered through trustees elected by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Through a Division of Christian Education in the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina the work of seven colleges is promoted. These are Wake Forest, Meredith, Mars Hill, Gardner-Webb, Chowan, and Campbell. In the last year there were enrolled in these seven colleges some 8,100 students. Their annual operating costs were above $10,000,000, with approximately $500,000 of this coming through our Cooperative Program plan of giving. An additional $600,000 was provided for capital outlay or plant improvement and expansion. Without the addition of new buildings it is not possible for these colleges to enroll many more students than the number taken last year.

In recent years there has been a marked growth in the interest of North Carolina Baptists in their colleges. For fifteen years the work of these colleges has been coordinated and studied through the Council on Christian Education, with offices in the Baptist Building at 301 Hillsboro Street, Raleigh, N. C. The staff

consists of two employees—an office secretary, Miss Grace Yow, and an executive secretary of the Council and Director of the Division of Christian Education, Claude F. Gaddy. In the past three years three major Convention Committees have prepared and presented reports on the work of these colleges to the Convention, and a fourth committee was appointed in 1959 to report in 1960.

Last year, 1959, there were graduated from our North Carolina high schools 42,954 students. Of this number there were 32,441 white high school graduates. It is safe to estimate that of this 32,441 graduates 15,000 were Baptist. Almost exactly one out of three enrolled in some college last September, leaving the other two out of three without college training. So of our 15,000 Baptist youth graduating from high school in 1959, 10,000 never enrolled in college. Of this 10,000 ending their education with high school, one-fourth of them were in the upper third of their high school graduating class. Thus, we see that a majority of our Baptist young people will never become ministers, teachers, lawyers, doctors, nor any of the many other professions open only to those having an opportunity to go to college. Of the 8,103 students in our seven Baptist colleges last year, 5,000 were Baptist. There were some 13,000 Baptist students in other colleges.

It is believed that by 1970 we shall have in North Carolina not 15,000 white Baptist boys an girls graduating from high school each year but 30,000; and that we may expect a much larger percentage to go to college. It seems conservative to predict that at least 35,000 Baptist boys and girls will be in college within ten years. The question confronting us is where shall we provide for their college training? Shall we maintain the status quo in our Baptist colleges and ask the state to provide for them through increased taxes, or other denominations to provide for them in their colleges, or would it be better for Baptists to face the facts with vision and courage and provide Christian education for their future leaders? Let us not be afraid to think together and ask God to guide us to do His will in whatever we do.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION

In the 1960 Annual of the Southern Baptist Convention, the fifty second report of the Christian Life Commission was printed. This Commission, formerly known as the Social Service Commission, was given its present name in 1953.

The inauguration of this Commission was led by Dr. W. L. Poteat, its first chairman. Its second chairman was Dr. A. J. Barton, "whose work did much to mold public opinion that resulted in the 18th Amendment to the Federal Constiution." Dr. Barton was followed by Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, who in 1947 led the Convention to provide an operating budget and to establish an office. In 1953 the office of the Commission was moved from Louisville to Nashville and was led by Dr. A. C. Miller, executive

secretary. Dr. Miller's resignation became effective March 1, 1960. On June 1, 1960, Dr. Foy D. Valentine was elected executive secretary.

The Christian Life Commission "was begun to develop within our people an awareness of the ethical content of the gospel and the social responsibilities of the Christian Life."

In carrying out this work, Christian Life Conferences are held and literature on such topics as juvenile delinquency, obscene literature, gambling, alcoholic beverages, narcotics, human relations, marriage and divorce and world peace is printed and distributed upon request.

Its work is carried on in fellowship with the state conventions, as is done in North Carolina through the Committee on Social Service and Civil Righteousness.

Each year the Commission selects one phase of its work to which it gives major emphasis.

Its plans for 1960 include a Southern Baptist Observer at the United Nations and leadership seminars at the United Nations in October 1960.

Dr. Valentine has been invited to be a consultant for the White House Conference on the Aging in 1961.

Weekly information from the Commission is released to the state papers and a bi-monthly publication, **Light**, is sent to pastors and others requesting it.

Through the Christian Life Commission the Christian citizen is "beginning to understand that the gospel of salvation for all men is a message of love, mercy and justice for all men. . ."

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. I. V. Couch

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOMES FOR THE AGING

God's gift to the Homes for the Aging during the past nine years have been James M. Hayes, Sr. On July 1, he relinquished the heavy and challenging responsibilities of the office of general superintendent to his successor, William A. Poole.

The new superintendent is diligently at work and is finding a solid foundation on which to build and expand our ministry to the aging in our midst.

Great blessings are in store for us in this tenth year of our Homes for the Aging. The new Infirmary Annex, constructed at a cost of $193,000, and with 28 new rooms, will be in use by September 1. In addition to these rooms, there is a nurse's station, lounge and rest room, a solarium, a room with an autoclave for the sterilization of instruments, three baths, a laundry room, and a utility room. It is hoped that the construction of the proposed new Hamilton Home can be started by late summer, with

facilities for around 30 additional residents. Our hats are off to all who have given so liberally and worked so tirelessly in bringing this fourth Home to fulfilment!

At the present, there are sixty applicants on the waiting list, and new inquiries and applications pouring in daily. We now have a total of 106 residents in our three Homes — Resthaven, 20; Albemarle, 34; Headquarters, 52. Even with our new facilities, it is not unrealistic to say that we could fill rooms up to 500 in the next two years. We must attempt great things for God and expect great things from God as we plan for the future in our ministry to the ever-growing number of the aging who need the loving care of North Carolina Baptists.

One of the life-lines in our work is the vital relationship that we have with the pastors and churches in our Convention. We could not operate without this very important and blessed tie that binds. We are increasingly dependent upon the prayers and the financial support of the churches. During the fiscal year, October 1, 1959, to August 1, 1960, we have received $82,521.20 from the churches. Of this amount, $76,352.70 was contributed through the Special Day Offering in February. In addition to the Special Day Offering and designated gifts, we have received from the churches through the Cooperative Program, $39,635.19, during the period October 1, 1959 - July 1, 1960. Our annual support from the Cooperative Program is $50,000. We are profoundly grateful to God and to everyone who has had a part in contributing to the worthy cause which we represent.

We are constantly experiencing mixed emotions in the Homes. We rejoiced with Aunt Fannie Drumwright on her 99th birthday in July, and were saddened by the deaths of Miss Lillie Herring in October, Mrs. Mary Holder in April, Mr. T. J. Castevens in June, and Mrs. Annie Smith in July.

We shall welcome a visit to the Homes from our fellow Baptists at any time and stand ready at all times to render the service that God has called us to render to the aging.

Let it be known throughout the bounds of our fair State that there is nothing to hinder any needy aging person in our midst from coming to the North Carolina Baptist Homes for the Aging except lack of space. Let us, therefore, dedicate ourselves to the end of making more space available at the earliest possible moment.

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. Pittard, Jr.

POPLAR SPRINGS CHURCH

The Eighteenth Annual Session of Alexander Baptist Association met with Poplar Springs Church in Setpember, 1903 for a four day session. At that time, J. Walter Watts was moderator,

W. J. Bumgarner, Treasurer and W. S. McLeod wrote the following history:

"Poplar Springs Church was organized July 27, 1872 by a Presbytery consisting of Elders Wm. Pool and Stephen Medlock, with seventeen members bearing letters from other churches. The name was first "Lambert's Fork" but was later changed to Poplar Springs. The church was first located about a mile northwest of the present site, and was moved to its present location about 1885. The church has prospered under the leadership of various pastors all these years, and now has a membership of 110."

The next meeting with Poplar Springs was the 61st Session in 1948. The history in the minutes of that year were written by A. C. Payne:

"Within the last two or three years this church has constructed a new and handsome building, with necessary equipment for church and Sunday School work. The church is situated in a beautiful valley surrounded by mountains and high hills, serving a fine people in a settlement noted for its religious tendency."

The present building was built in 1944. Pulpit furniture and pews were installed in August, 1950. In October of 1951 oil heat was installed. During the summer of 1953 the grounds were graded and the lawn seeded. In 1954 walks were poured in front of the church and the church bought a new piano. In 1956 a building fund was started for an Educational Building. The auditorium was made larger and a Baptistry added. The building was completed in February, 1960. The largest gift to the building program was hardwood flooring for the entire new building, a gift from Pastor and Mrs. W. O. Johnson.

The Rev. Johnson is beginning his twenty-third year as pastor of this church. Mrs. Roy Rogers has been Church Clerk since 1941, and has attended every association for 24 years.

Lucy Echerd, Protem Historian
for Charles E. Echerd

HISTORY OF EAST TAYLORSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

East Taylorsville Baptist Church was organized February 10, 1924. There were 13 charter members and two uniting with the church at the first service making a total of 15 members. At the end of the first year there was a total of 47 members. Four charter members are still living: Mrs. S. G. Earp, Mrs. Texie Little, Mrs. Estelle Chapman, and Mr. Parker Pennell. The deacons for the first year were Mr. R. L. Chamberlain and Mr. Thad Campbell.

Rev. A. W. Wilcox served as the first pastor. Rev. B. F. Peeler was ordained by the church and served three consistant terms. Other pastors were Rev. E. V. Bumgarner, Rev. C. C. Holland, Rev. Maurice Baker, Rev. A. E. Watts, Rev. A. B. Bum-

garner and Rev. R. L. Dixon who has been serving since 1953.

The first church building, a frame structure, was erected in 1926. The present building was begun May 20, 1949 and the first service held in this new building December 25, 1949. A new three story educational building has just been completed.

The church and Sunday School have grown through the years. The church has an enrollment of 500 members, a Sunday School enrollment of 432 members and an average attendance of 250. On February 7, 1959 to Mr. Edd K. Elliott, Sunday School Superintendent, and the members of the Sunday School, was presented by Dr. Hermen Ihley, head of the Sunday School Department of the Baptist State Convention, a Standard Sunday School Banner.

IN MEMORIAM

The following members of our churches have died since our last associational meeting. May God bless their memory to our good.

ANTIOCH—Noy Bowman, Willie Caldwell, Lester Munday, Arthur Stafford, Claudia Whisnant.

BETHLEHEM—Mary Hefner, Dewey Simmons, Avery Hall.

BEULAH—Robert C. Deal.

CALVARY—Robert Steele, Donald Greene, Mrs. Fred Teague.

DAMASCUS—Mrs. I. N. Smith, Mrs. D. C. Phillips, T. L. Blalock.

HIDDENITE—Mrs. W. C. Lowe.

LEBANON—Lizzie Chapman, Virginia Hubbard.

LILEDOUN—Sid Moose.

LINNEY'S GROVE—Lola Bradshaw.

LITTLE RIVER—June Jolly.

MACEDONIA—Effie Carrigan.

MILLERSVILLE—Alda Thompson.

MT. HERMAN—Willie Johnson, Charlie Stines.

MT. OLIVE—D. E. Davis, N. E. Treadway.

PILGRIM—Wade Connelly.

PLEASANT HILL—James Childers, Zeb Childers, Eli Harrington.

POPLAR SPRINGS—Ellen Russell, Lola Pennell.

STONY POINT—Emma Somers, Flake Barnes, Minnie Teague, Clyde Combs.

TAYLORSVILLE EAST—Bob Carrigan, Mrs. Bob Carrigan, Alonzo Childers, Mrs. Clinton Icenhour, Roy Kerley.

TAYLORSVILLE FIRST—C. E. Echerd, Mary Lackey, Cub Watts, Minnie Watts.

HISTORICAL TABLE

Year	Where Held	Preacher	Moderator	Clerk
1887	Macedonia	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1888	Antioch	J. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1889	Bethel	J. B. Poole	J. W. Hendren	W. E. White
1890	Concord	D. W. Poole	L. P. Gwaltney	T. A. Hudson
1891	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1892	Taylorsville	W. J. Bumgarner	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1893	Bethlehem	J. P. Gwaltney	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1894	Mt. Olive	J. M. Shaver	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1895	Pleasant Hill	C. Durham	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1896	Pilgrim	D. W. Poole	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1897	Sulphur Springs	J. A. White	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1898	Little River	L. P. Gwaltney	J. J. Hendren	T. A. Hudson
1899	Linney's Grove	J. J. Reach	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1900	Lebanon	D. W. Poole	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1901	Three Forks	R. L. Davis	W. E. White	T. A. Hudson
1902	Taylor Springs	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1903	Poplar Springs	R. L. Davis	J. W. Watts	E. S. Millsaps
1904	Macedonia	O. A. Keller	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1905	Antioch	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1906	Bethel	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1907	Bethlehem	R. Lee Davis	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1908	Concord	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1909	Damascus	J. M. Shaver	J. W. Watts	J. J. H. Poole
1910	Dover	L. P. Gwaltney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1911	Lebanon	J. M. Shaver	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1912	Linney's Grove	G. Z. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1913	Taylorsville	Lloyd Teague	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1914	Stony Point	W. E. Linney	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1915	Mt. Olive	D. W. Poole	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1916	Pilgrim	W. J. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1917	Mt. Herman	E. V. Bumgarner	J. W. Watts	R. L. Downs
1918			J. W. Watts	
1919	Sulphur Springs	B. F. Austin	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1920	Three Forks	T. H. Williams	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1921	Taylor Springs	T. E. Payne	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1922	Macedonia	L. E. Barnes	J. L. Gwaltney	R. W. Chatham
1923	Bethany	J. W. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1924	Concord	J. S. Stephenson	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1925	Taylorsville	J. M. McAlpine	J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1926	Antioch		J. L. Gwaltney	R. L. Downs
1927	Mt. Olive	J. H. Boggs	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1928	Pleasant Grove	J. W. Rash	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1929	Mt. Hebron	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1930	White Plains	C. C. Holland	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1931	Pleasant Hill	J. L. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1932	Sulphur Springs	S. I. Watts	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1933	Macedonia	A. T. Howell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1934	Little River	E. V. Bumgarner	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1935	Hiddenite	G. C. Teague	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod
1936	Fairview	F. A. Pennell	J. L. Gwaltney	R. B. McLeod

1937 East Taylorsville --Lee James --------J. L. Gwaltney ----R. B. McLeod ---
1938 Three Forks ------G. C. Teague -----J. L. Gwaltney ----R. B. McLeod ---
1939 Linney's Grove ---C. C. Holland -----A. E. Watts ------R. B. McLeod ---
1940 Bethlehem --------T. L. Blalock -----A. E. Watts ------G. L. Chatham --
1941 Pilgrim -----------J. C. Gwaltney ---A. E. Watts ------R. B. McLeod ---
1942 Antioch ----------E. C. Shoe -------A. E. Watts ------R. B. McLeod ---
1943 Damascus --------E. V. Bumgarner --A. E. Watts ------R. B. McLeod ---
1944 First Taylorsville --H. L. Good -------E. C. Shoe --------W. C. Grose -----
1945 Stony Point ------Howard J. Ford ---E. C. Shoe --------Homer L. Good --
1946 Damascus --------E. C. Shoe -------A. C. Payne ------Homer L. Good --
Three Forks ----------
1947 East Taylorsville --A. E. Watts ------A. C. Payne ------Homer L. Good --
Taylor Springs ----------
1948 Poplar Springs ---A. B. Bumgarner --H. L. Good -------W. W. Harrington
Bethel ----------
1949 Antioch ----------W. O. Johnson ----E. V. Bumgarner --W. W. Harrington
Hiddenite ----------
1950 Liledoun ----------J. A. Icenhour ----A. B. Bumgarner --J. L. Wells ------
Mt. Herman ----------
1951 Stony Point ------J. L. Wells -------H. L. Good -------J. L. Wells ------
East Taylorsville ----------
1952 First Taylorsville--J. R. Lail --------H. L. Good -------J. L. Wells ------
Smyrna ----------
1953 Pleasant Hill -----David C. Boaz ----J. R. Lail ---------Marcella Hines --
Bethlehem ----------
1954 Pilgrim -----------Herman Johnson --J. R. Lail ---------Marcella Hines --
Little River ----------
1955 Linney's Grove ---R. L. Dixon ------J. R. Lail ---------Marcella Hines --
Hiddenite ----------
1956 Liledoun ----------H. L. Good -------A. E. Watts ------W. O. Warren ---
Lebanon ----------
1957 Macedonia --------W. O. Warren ----A. E. Watts ------W. O. Warren ---
First Taylorsville----------
1958 Antioch -----------Horace Moree -----R. M. Grant -----W. O. Warren ---
Mt. Herman ----------
1959 Beulah -----------I. V. Couch -------R. M. Grant -----W. O. Warren ---
Stony Point ----------
1960 Poplar Springs ----H. M. Cartner ----R. M. Grant -----W. O. Warren ---
East Taylorsville----------

STATISTICAL TABLES

Table A CHURCH AND MEMBERSHIP

Moderator: James Teague, Taylorsville, R-2

Churches	Location	Date Organized	Dates of Meeting	Pastors and Addresses	Baptisms	Letters and Other Additions	Loss By Death, Transfer, Etc.	Total Resident Members	Total Non-Resident Members	Grand Total Present Members	Revival Meetings Held	Number Tithers	Church Budget?	Every Mem. Canvs	State Paper?	Pastor's Annual Salary (had pastor full year or not)
Antioch	R	1826	4	Robert Winecoff, Taylorsville, R-2	12	5	12	354	104	458	2	85	Yes	---	---	4,644
Bethlehem	R	1871	4	I. V. Couch, Taylorsville, R-1	7	4	12	301	16	317	2	105	Yes	No	No	5,200
Beulah	V	1916	4	Glenn Moree, Taylorsville	30	7	7	136	27	163	3	25	Yes	No	No	3,380
Calvary	T	1948	4	Henkel Little, Taylorsville	15	19	8	225	35	260	3	48	No	No	No	5,200
Damascus	R	1839	3	Irvin Wallace, Harmony, R-2	6	2	5	105	70	175	1	----	No	No	No	1,530
Hiddenite	V	1915	4	Walter Howell, Hiddenite	0	2	7	140	40	180	2	50	Yes	No	Yes	4,110
Lebanon	R	1884	4	Paul McAlpin, Taylorsville, R-3	4	3	9	53	39	92	2	----	No	No	No	2,468
Liledoun	R	1906	4	James Lockee, Taylorsville	26	5	17	319	91	410	1	----	No	No	No	3,900
Linney's Grove	R	----	3	Mack McCurdy, Hiddenite, R-1	3	0	4	----	----	144	1	----	No	No	No	720
Little River	R	1792	4	Hunter Church, North Wilkesboro, R-4	9	2	4	176	14	190	1	----	Yes	No	No	1,520
Macedonia	R	1840	4	W. O. Warren, Taylorsville, R-1	4	1	4	150	25	175	1	50	Yes	No	No	4,160
Millersville	R	----	4	Wade Rogers, Taylorsville	7	3	1	74	40	114	----	----	No	No	No	1,010
Mt. Herman	R	1912	4	Ralph Yarborough, Taylorsville, R-2	1	7	2	198	54	252	2	10	Yes	No	No	4,420
Mt. Olive	R	----	2	Wade Miller, Wilkesboro	2	0	5	110	40	150	1	----	Yes	No	No	1,617
Oxford Memorial	R	1942	4	Ralph Kerley, Taylorsville, R-2	10	9	2	123	56	179	2	----	Yes	No	No	3,445
Pilgrim	R	1836	2	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, R-2	2	0	11	----	----	204	1	----	No	No	No	1,218
Pleasant Hill	R	1852	4	J. A. Icenhour, Hiddenite, R-2	8	0	10	149	86	235	1	----	Yes	No	No	1,663
Poplar Springs	R	1872	4	W. O. Johnson, Taylorsville, R-2	9	2	9	169	62	231	2	25	No	No	No	2,836
Smyrna	R	1923	4	Horace Moree, Taylorsville, R-1	11	4	2	88	34	122	2	----	Yes	Yes	Yes	2,600
Stony Point	T	1909	4	H. M. Cartner, Stony Point	9	15	19	401	90	491	1	150	Yes	No	Yes	5,200
Taylorsville, East	T	1924	4	R. L. Dixon, Taylorsville	6	8	24	357	30	487	2	60	Yes	No	Yes	5,200
Taylorsville, First	T	1851	4	W. B. Pittard, Jr., Taylorsville	14	16	30	411	106	517	2	60	Yes	No	Yes	6,000
				Totals	195	114	204	4039	1056	5546	35	668				72,041

Table B THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Associational Superintendent: R. M. Grant, Taylorsville, Rt.-3

Churches	Sunday School Superintendents	Cradle Roll	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Young People, Away	Adults (25-34)	Adults (35 & up)	Extension Department	General Officers	Mission S.S. Enrolment	Grand Total S.S. Enrolment	Average Attendance	Church V.B.S. Enrollment	Total V.B.S. Enroll	Jan. Bible Study?	Preparation Week?
Antioch	Blayne Hollar, Taylorsville, R-2	12	49	25	27	67	50	26	26	0	22	82	9	5	0	400	250	177	177	Yes	Yes
Bethlehem	Maynard Hefner, Taylorsville, R-1	7	36	14	30	40	39	24	19	0	37	58	8	5	0	317	203	127	127	Yes	Yes
Beulah	Harold Keever, Taylorsville, R-3	0	0	24	0	23	29	0	41	0	0	24	0	0	0	141	107	82	82	No	No
Calvary	Darrell Fox, Taylorsville, R-2	0	0	10	15	30	23	22	31	0	10	57	0	0	0	198	183	99	99	No	No
Damascus	Dwight Johnson, Hiddenite, R-2	0	9	6	10	9	9	3	4	0	10	47	0	3	0	110	78	47	47	No	No
Hiddenite	R. M. Grant, Taylorsville, R-3	8	8	4	9	8	18	12	12	5	0	52	0	4	0	140	108	142	142	Yes	No
Lebanon	Ralph Watts, Taylorsville, R-4	0	0	11	7	11	8	5	3	0	24	----	0	3	0	72	57	57	57	No	No
Liledoun	Bill Dyson, Taylorsville, R-2	0	0	40	40	48	38	47	56	0	0	41	0	0	0	310	204	124	124	No	No
Linney's Grove	Kent Bowles, Hiddenite, R-1	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	168	75	50	50	No	No
Little River	Joe McDuffie, Taylorsville, R-4	5	8	13	14	18	14	11	0	0	66	0	0	0	0	149	113	90	90	No	No
Macedonia	Kermit Patterson, Stony Point, R-1	0	7	20	15	15	15	10	0	1	29	35	0	3	0	150	110	120	120	Yes	No
Millersville	G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville, R-1	0	0	0	15	21	17	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	0	88	60	----	----	No	No
Mt. Herman	Kenneth Kerley, Taylorsville, R-4	3	8	19	14	40	19	7	0	0	36	0	0	3	0	199	139	111	111	No	No
Mt. Olive	T. C. Rogers, Taylorsville, R-3	0	0	5	9	8	9	19	24	0	0	24	0	0	0	98	68	39	39	No	No
Oxford Memorial	Fitz Blair, Taylorsville, R-2	0	0	17	16	23	16	13	16	0	0	43	0	4	0	148	92	92	92	No	No
Pilgrim	Paul Mayberry, Union Grove	0	0	13	13	10	24	22	0	0	38	40	0	0	0	160	109	55	55	No	No
Pleasant Hill	Tommie Daniels, Taylorsville, R-3	0	0	18	26	29	21	15	0	0	54	0	0	3	0	166	91	122	122	No	No
Poplar Springs	Earl Robinette, Taylorsville, R-4	0	0	12	14	28	14	4	6	7	15	36	0	3	0	142	112	82	82	No	No
Smyrna	Elbert Bostain, Taylorsville, R-1	13	8	11	14	22	11	9	20	0	0	21	0	3	0	132	105	87	87	No	No
Stony Point	Don Mooney, Stony Point	3	33	24	29	50	37	20	20	8	21	176	16	13	0	450	241	135	135	Yes	Yes
Taylorsville, East	Edd Elliott, Taylorsville	0	36	29	32	56	46	26	23	0	23	91	44	5	15	426	234	122	122	Yes	Yes
Taylorsville, First	Fred Lane, Conover	0	25	27	25	52	52	32	0	0	51	119	0	5	0	388	230	176	176	Yes	No
	Totals	51	227	342	374	608	509	327	301	21	436	981	77	62	15	4552	2969	2136	2136		

Table C TRAINING UNION

Associational Director: Mrs. Earl Teague, Taylorsville, R-2

Churches	Training Union Directors and Addresses	Nursery	Beginners	Primaries	Juniors	Intermediates	Young People, Single	Young People, Married	Adults (25-34)	Adults (35 & up)	General Officers	Grand Total Enrolled	Average Attendance	Youth Week?
Antioch	Mrs. C. A. Caldwell, Taylorsville, R-2	12	13	19	41	40	13	7	15	27	3	190	126	Yes
Bethlehem	David Logan, Hickory, R-5	15	8	14	22	15	15	0	22	17	3	131	88	Yes
Hiddenite	Marcella Hines, Hiddenite	0	0	0	9	16	17	0	0	13	2	57	44	Yes
Little River	Guy Rogers, Taylorsville, R-2	6	4	9	15	9	6	0	16	0	0	65	57	No
Macedonia	Leona Mecimore, Taylorsville, R-1	0	6	7	10	7	0	9	14	12		65	58	Yes
Mt. Herman	Henry Gilleland, Taylorsville, R-2	0	7	10	33	14	5	0	17	0	4	98	71	Yes
Oxford Memorial	Mrs. Ralph Kerley, Taylorsville, R-2	6	10	11	23	12	9	0	0	17	4	92	54	Yes
Smyrna	Estell Echerd, Taylorsville, R-1	13	12	12	14	0	11	0	0	19	3	84	56	No
Stony Point	Roland Harris, Stony Point	0	4	6	21	31	11	0	28	17	4	122	63	Yes
Taylorsville, East	Mrs. Butler Chapman, Taylorsville	5	3	10	29	19	18	0	15	38	5	142	53	Yes
Taylorsville, First		0	0	3	10	25	10	0	0	10	3	61	35	No
	Totals	57	67	101	227	188	115	16	127	170	31	1107	705	

Table E BROTHERHOOD WORK

President: A. D. Lindsay, Stony Point

Churches	Presidents of Men's Brotherhoods	Chrm. R. A. Committee and Addresses	No. Junior R.A. Chapters	Junior R.A. Enrolment	No. Intermediate R.A. Chapters	Intermediate R.A. Enrolment	Total R.A. Enroll	Men's Brotherhood Enrolment	Grand Total Enroll
Antioch	Dewey Austin, Hickory	Earl Teague, Taylorsville, R-2	1	14	1	6	20	27	47
Bethlehem	Fred Lail, Taylorsville, R-1	Howard Teague, Taylorsville, R-1	1	6	1	2	8	22	30
Hiddenite			1	14	1	5	19	0	19
Lebanon	C. D. Poole, Taylorsville, R-4						0	6	6
Liledoun	Ernest Jenkins, Taylorsville, R-2	Roland Chapman, Taylorsville, R-2	1	20			20	20	40
Smyrna	Glenn Lail, Taylorsville, R-1						0	15	15
Stony Point	Dawson Beckham, Stony Point	Nolan Alexander, Stony Point	2	36	1	12	48	35	83
Taylorsville, East	Paul Harrington, Taylorsville, R-4	John Mayberry, Taylorsville	1	16			16	15	31
Taylorsville, First	Henkel Mills, Taylorsville	W. W. Harrington, Taylorsville			1	25	25	25	50
	Totals		7	106	5	50	156	165	321

Table F WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Associational President: Ruth Foy, Stony Point

Churches	Presidents of W.M.S. and Addresses	Sunbeam Units	G.A. Units	Y.W.A. Units	W.M.S. Units	Total Units	Sunbeam Enrolled	G.A. Enrolled	Y.W.A. Enrolled	W.M.S. Enrolled	Total Enrolled	Total Tithers All Total Enrolled
Antioch	Mrs. Ralph Pennell, Taylorsville, R-2	2	2	1	1	6	17	32	11	43	101	45
Bethlehem	Mrs. Clyde Carrigan, Taylorsville, R-1	3	2	1	1	7	10	13	7	22	52	29
Beulah	Mrs. Roland Scott, Taylorsville, R-3	1	1	0	1	3	10	26	0	14	50	----
Hiddenite	Mrs. W. R. Adams, Hiddenite	1	1	1	3	6	9	17	9	34	69	11
Lebanon	Mrs. C. D. Poole, Taylorsville, R-4	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	----	14	----
Liledoun	Mrs. Graydon Dyson, Taylorsville, R-2	1	1	1	2	5	12	16	7	31	66	12
Macedonia	Ruth Warren, Taylorsville, R-1	----	----	----	3	3	----	----	----	34	34	20
Mt. Herman	Mrs. P. E. Johnson, Taylorsville, R-2	----	2	----	1	3	----	20	6	----	26	4
Mt. Olive	Mrs. Maynard Childers, Taylorsville, R-4	2	2	1	1	6	8	10	6	13	37	1
Oxford Memorial	Mrs. D. R. Kerley, Taylorsville, R-2	----	----	----	1	1	----	----	----	9	9	----
Smyrna	Mrs. Roy Stafford, Taylorsville, R-1	1	1	----	1	3	14	8	----	16	38	----
Stony Point	Mrs. Tom Norton, Stony Point	3	2	1	3	9	24	25	12	47	108	55
Taylorsville, East	Mrs. L. W. Davis, Taylorsville, R-4	1	2	----	5	8	10	25	----	60	95	25
Taylorsville, First	Nancy Smith, Taylorsville	2	2	----	6	10	11	25	----	110	146	47
	Totals	17	18	6	29	70	125	217	58	433	845	249

Table H TOTAL RECEIPTS AND LOCAL EXPENDITURES

Associational Treasurer: James Farthing, Taylorsville

Churches	Treasurers and Addresses	Total Receipts For All Purposes	Grand Total Expenditures For All Purposes	Pastor's Salary	Other Church Staff Salaries	Other Local Expenses	Grand Total Local Expenses
Antioch	Clarence Benfield, Granite Falls, R-1	21,588	21,151	4,644	600	11,228	16,473
Bethlehem	Leo Bowman, Hickory	22,149	17,820	5,200	931	7,334	13,785
Beulah	Mrs. Fred Jolly, Taylorsville	7,803	6,137	3,380	156	100	4,236
Calvary	Dwight Warren, Taylorsville, R-2	13,762	12,440	5,200	485	2,618	8,303
Damascus	Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Statesville, R-2	3,522	2,812	1,530	155	378	2,063
Hiddenite	Gerald Goble, Hiddenite, R-2	11,217	11,441	4,110	1,042	4,038	8,555
Lebanon	Peggy Fortner, Taylorsville, R-4	5,868	4,558	2,468	37	1,179	3,686
Liledoun	Bobby Simmons, Taylorsville, R-2	14,672	14,490	3,900	460	8,949	11,884
Linney's Grove	R. S. Hayes, Hiddenite, R-1	2,222	1,092	720	149	75	963
Little River	Mrs. Guy Rogers, Taylorsville, R-2	6,839	7,223	1,520	628	3,867	6,587
Macedonia	Conrad Fox, Taylorsville, R-1	12,761	12,137	4,160		6,846	11,006
Millersville	Mrs. G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville, R-1	2,398	2,093	1,010	65	270	1,345
Mt. Herman	Wayne McBride, Taylorsville, R-2	13,510	29,039	4,420	900		4,731
Mt. Olive	Mrs. Dewey Davis, Taylorsville, R-4	4,492	4,170	1,617	120	1,619	3,356
Oxford Memorial	Pender Caldwell, Taylorsville, R-2	7,018	13,196	3,445	459	8,233	12,247
Pilgrim	Comer Bowles, Hiddenite, R-2	3,142	2,421	1,218	160	559	1,937
Pleasant Hill	John McDaniels, Taylorsville, R-3	3,800	3,495	1,663	621	636	2,995
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville, R-4	8,955	8,443	2,836	282	16,372	24,815
Smyrna	Billy Killian, Taylorsville, R-1	9,138	8,501	2,600		4,990	7,590
Stony Point	Howard Norton, Stony Point, R-1	28,367	27,102	5,200	3,706	10,497	19,403
Taylorsville, East	Glenn Davis, Taylorsville, R-1	19,137	11,595	5,200	1,025	1,958	8,183
Taylorsville, First	B. L. Mauney, Taylorsville	29,096	28,720	6,000	3,518	13,847	23,365
	Totals	251,456	250,076	72,041	15,499	105,593	197,508

Table I MISSION EXPENDITURES

Associational Missionary: A. E. Watts, Taylorsville

Churches	Clerks of Churches and Addresses	Cooperative Program	Designated Association	Designated State Missions	Designated Home Missions	Designated Foreign Missions	Christian Education, Schools	Designated Children's Homes	Designated Hospitals	Other Objects	Total Mission Expenditures
Antioch	Warren Keller, Taylorsville, R-2	2,713	486	31	110	900	35	145	157	100	4,678
Bethlehem	Claude Bowman, Hickory	2,200	424	61	132	633	0	276	126	181	4,034
Beulah	Mrs. Ernest James, Taylorsville	104	52	0	0	0	0	52	11	0	208
Calvary	Stella Brookshire, Hiddenite, R-2	0	100	0	0	209	0	0	0	0	309
Damascus	Mrs. Ralph Wilson, Statesville, R-2	0	0	0	71	351	326	0	0	0	749
Hiddenite	W. O. Goble, Hiddenite, R-2	1,422	225	60	64	342	8	404	118	242	2,886
Lebanon	Mrs. James Watts, Taylorsville, R-4	506	65	30	20	108	0	47	0	88	864
Liledoun	Roland Kerley, Taylorsville, R-2	640	100	107	76	462	0	243	240	736	2,605
Linney's Grove	Luke McCurdy, Hiddenite, R-1	0	0	0	0	38	0	32	36	24	128
Little River	Edwin Teague, Taylorsville, R-4	421	50	0	0	0	0	58	58	108	636
Macedonia	Yvonne Patterson, Stony Point, R-1	40	150	55	109	131	18	103	50	475	1,131
Millersville	G. S. Hampton, Taylorsville, R-1	23	31	10	0	5	18	15	0	10	113
Mt. Herman	Henry Gilleland, Taylorsville, R-2	993	180	33	576	85	6	82	41	22	2,018
Mt. Olive	Samuel Wike, Taylorsville, R-4	155	50	50	128	80	0	264	50	37	813
Oxford Memorial	Inez Haney, Lenoir, R-2	447	104	18	0	92	0	115	54	10	949
Pilgrim	Richard Bustle, Moravian Falls	0	30	29	0	335	0	52	38	0	483
Pleasant Hill	Edith Harrington, Taylorsville, R-3	0	100	100	0	100	0	75	75	50	500
Poplar Springs	Mrs. Roy Rogers, Taylorsville, R-4	24	50	0	0	25	0	244	50	0	393
Smyrna	Waitsel Cline, Taylorsville, R-1	379	146	34	37	70	20	164	23	37	910
Stony Point	Anne Faires, Stony Point	4,877	728	169	1,226	545	45	83	54	0	7,727
Taylorsville, East	Mrs. Clayton Cline, Taylorsville	2,038	360	53	269	600	0	52	0	40	3,412
Taylorsville, First	Lucy Echerd, Taylorsville	3,600	640	86	223	1,137	225	8	142	0	6,061
	Totals	20,582	4,071	926	3,041	6,248	701	2,514	1,323	2,160	41,607